

Thirty new Canadians take Oath of Citizenship at Legion Hall


Canadian Citizenship Judge Veronica Johnson presided the ceremony during which 30 new citizens were sworn in.


## FIRST EDITION OF THE HONOURED GITIZENS EVENING:

## Rosemere celebrated the excellence of 23 deserving citizens

 À L'HONNEUR honored citizenThe very first edition of the Honoured Citizens evening organized by the Town of Rosemère was held at the Memorial Community Centre on March 23. At this event, attended by approximately one hundred persons, the Town paid tribute to 23 citizens who distinguished themselves within their community and stand as inspiring models of success. This first edition is important for Rosemère as it marks the start of a tradition that will continue year after year, allowing the Town to publicly recognize exceptional citizens who are the pride of its community.
Congratulations to the 23 honourees.


Mike Bossy was named one of the 100 greatest players in the history of the National Hockey League.


In 2015 Andrea Venditti received a Certificate of Honour within the framework of the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence.


A model of social commitment to the Rosemère community, in 2016, the the Rosemère Horticultural and Ecological Society celebrated its $60^{\text {th }}$ anniversary.


Sylvie Bernier was awarded a medal of honour from the Québec National Assembly for her role as an ambassador of healthy living for the past 30 years.

19 young Rosemère athletes took part in the latest finals ( $51^{\text {st }}$ and $52^{\text {nd }}$ ) of the Québec Games.


Pictured here in the company of certain of the evening's dignitaries are: Front: Chanel Bardetti, in basketball, Audrey Hébert in softball, Arnaud Boutin in hockey, Lucas Malhotra in soccer (bronze medal), Émile Cloutier in diving, Érika Zullo in gymnastics, Olivier Desrosiers in fencing (bronze medal). Back: Maxim Cangé Benoit in basketball, Madeleine Leduc (Mayor), Kateri Lesage (Municipal Councillor), Zachary Therrien in curling, Eric Westram (Municipal Councillor), Linda Lapointe (Member of Parliament), Richard Makarios in baseball, Normand Corriveau (Municipal Councillor) and Claude Surprenant (Member of the National Asssembly) Absent: Loïc Demarbre in triathlon, Victor Joly in baseball, Simon Pino-Buisson in sailing, Camille Primeau in road cycling (silver medal), Cassandre Prosper in basketball, Olivier-Maxence Prosper in basketball, Kelly-Ann Sauvé in swimming, Sébastien Guy in speed skating (triple medal winner: one gold and two bronze), Alexandra Hamelin in badminton.


The plan remains to strengthen middle income families, they say (NSN) North Shore Members of Parliament Linda Lapointe and Ramez Ayoub, who represent the ridings of Rivière-des-Mille-Îles and Thérèse-De Blainville respectively, say they are proud of the Liberal government's 2017 budget which was tabled recently
They maintain that it strengthens the government's long-term plan to create jobs and support the economy for the benefit of the middle class.

## For the middle class

"The 2017 budget marks the continuation of our plan to strengthen the middle class," Lapointe said in a statement regarding her party's efforts. "It is important to move forward with rigorous and responsible investments that enable businesses in our region to offer good and well-paying jobs. It gives also great innovation opportunities for our local enterprises.'
"Budget 2017 puts people first and offers Quebecers, and all Canadians, the support they need right now to improve their quality of life," added Ayoub. "It focuses on social infrastructure, innovation, skills, partnerships and equity. This budget is an essential step forward in helping the middle class to grow and maintain its prosperity."

## Home \& mental health care

Both MPs maintained that this second Justin Trudeau budget was designed to meet the needs of all Canadians. In this regard, they aid the government will spend $\$ 11$ billion over ten years, including $\$ 2.5$ billion in Quebec, to support home care and improve mental health are.
"These significant amounts will help improve home care and address infrastructure needs for home care," said Lapointe. "There will also be an important contribution to initiatives related to mental health."
Over five years, $\$ 886.4$ million will be added by the Liberal government to improve caregiver benefits regardless of whether caregivers are living with the family member they are responsible for. Parental and maternity benefits will also be increased within employment insurance.

## Affordable housing measures

As well, according to Lapointe and Ayoub, the government is adding $\$ 11.2$ billion over 11 years for a national strategy to ensure affordable ousing for all Canadians. An infrastructure nd transit investment plan will also be implemented with the creation of the Infrastructure Bank of Canada, which will be responsible of investing $\$ 35$ billion over 11 years everywhere in the country.


North Shore Members of Parliament Linda Lapointe and Ramez Ayoub, who represent the ridings of Rivière-des-Mille-Îles and Thérèse-De Blainville respectively, say they are proud of the Liberal government's 2017 budget, a copy of which they are holding.
"These infrastructure investments will ensure economic growth, improve the quality of life of citizens and create more good jobs for middle class Canadians," said Ayoub. The plan includes nvestments in the Montreal area that will help develop the Réseau électrique métropolitain REM) commuter train system, which is being developed in conjunction with the Quebec Caisse de dépôt et placement.

## The economy and employment

 Meanwhile, the federal government has also announced support for cultural and recreational activities in communities across the country with a $\$ 1.8$ billion plan over 10 years. Lapointe and Ayoub noted that the Trudeau government versaw the creation of 250,000 jobs over the last seven months and a reduction in the unemployment rate from 7.1 to 6.6 per cent at the same time.They also pointed out that the government continues to support the economy and employment with an investment of $\$ 2.7$ billion over six years and the injection of $\$ 1.26$ billion to create a strategic innovation fund in the agri-food, digital technology, clean tech and advanced manufacturing sectors.
"By investing in Canada's greatest strength which is a skilled, hard-working, creative and diverse workforce, the government is supporting families and middle-class people for a better future," Lapointe and Ayoub said.



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# By eliminating homelessness, the Alberta city has reduced the crime rate, the workload on first responders, 

hospital emergency visits and pressure on the courts

Former American president Jimmy Carter said, "The measure of a society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens."
Serving those in need may seem simply like the charitable thing to do. When we look a bit deeper, however, we see that many social programs help the entire population. Even on a financial level, projects that benefit those in need benefit us all.
In Canada, two programs have become engrained in our culture: public education and socialized medicine. Neither is perfect and both are in need of constant improvement, but the benefits of both far outweigh their costs.
Our education system is one of the key factors in making Canada a great place to do business. We have a well-trained workforce that's adaptable to changing demands. The resources invested in each child come back to us many times over.

Our American neighbours often point to our health-care system as either a scourge or a panacea. The bottom line is that our public-ly-insured medical system gives service to our entire population at a fraction of the cost of their selective, privately-insured system. Canadians are also able to live with peace of mind knowing that the cost for medical emergencies will be covered. This is simply not the case for many people living in the United States.
A new idea is now emerging in Canada that's as innovative and revolutionary as public education and socialized medicine were in their day. While the following project looks like an additional public expenditure on something that should be delivered by charity groups, it simply makes good financial sense.
In 2009, the Alberta city of Medicine Hat established the goal to eliminate homelessness. It was seen as a humanitarian effort and ness. It was seen as a humanitarian effort and
a money-saving initiative. By 2015, the goal was
achieved Today people spend no more than 10 days in temporary shelters before they'r assessed and on their way to find a home.
Housing and caring for these vulnerable individuals has reduced the crime rate, reduced the workload of first responders, reduced the number of hospital emergency room visits and eased pressure on the courts. While it can cost over $\$ 100,000$ a year to service a person living on the streets, it costs roughly $\$ 35,000$ a year to give a person a permanent roof over their heads and provide them with the services they need. Not only does giving homes to the homeless make financial sense, it improves the quality of life for everyone. Many of the people living on the street suffer from addictions and mental health issues. These are realities for many families. As Harold Kushner stated so beauti fully in his book When Bad Things Happen to Good People, challenges in life can happen to Good Pe. Wh chen to
just as when we provide publicly-funded educa tion and health care, we're helping ourselves. A great deal of credit must be given to the community leaders and municipal governmen in Medicine Hat. Homelessness is a long-stand ing social challenge that has been difficult to solve. They have not only implemented a solution that respects people's humanity, they have proven that it's cost-effective. They also established a model that other cities are begin ning to emulate.
The long-term benefits of this solution to homelessness are yet to be seen. It's not unreal istic to conclude, however, that the Medicine Hat model will spread across Canada and throughout the world.
And that it will improve the quality of life for not only the most vulnerable, but for all citizens.

Gerry Chidiac

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Through education young people can be made aware of how they'll be used and exploited by the people who pretend to care for them

Crhildren's rights advocate Marian Wright Edelman said, "The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child

When we don't invest in our children, the results can indeed be disastrous.
Norwegian filmmaker Deeyah Khan recently made a documentary called Jihad: A Story of the Others. Khan seeks to understand why young men of her religion living in Europe get involved in violent extremism. It was quite a challenge for
her - as a Muslim woman involved in the arts, she was often a target of hate crimes herself. What Khan discovered surprised her. She found disenfranchised young men caught between two cultures. They didn't feel like they fit in anywhere and so they lived without hope. Many had been abused or neglected as children. So they became vulnerable targets for jihadists, who offered them the things no one else offered, things they craved: belonging significance, purpose and acceptance.
The profile of these Muslim extremists is

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 Send us a Letter to the Editor and get your opinion heard - LOUD AND CLEAR. editor@newsfirst.caalmost identical to that of members of white supremacist groups and criminal gangs. These young people, especially men, feel like social outsiders, that their families don't understand them, and that they have no future or purpose. They easily fall prey to the lies of hatred, extremism and violence.
How do we keep this from happening? Education is key. Young people need to be made aware of the dangers of such lifestyles and how they'll be used and exploited by the people who pretend to accept them and care for them We've seen reductions in gang violence where such education programs exist.
But for these programs to be effective, we need to meet the more basic needs of our youth. We need to accept them for who they are cele brate their giftedness and give them hope.
Compared to many other countries, Canadian chools do a good job of meeting the needs of many of our at-risk young people. Publiclyfunded schools, for example, are the great equalizer, giving recent immigrants the opportunity to become a vibrant part of Canadian society while embracing their ethnic heritage. These schools are also getting better at meeting the needs of those from cultures that have been neglected and oppressed for far too long, espe cially aboriginal children.

Still, much more needs to be done.
As our schools improve to meet the needs of each child in an ever-changing world, young men especially will no longer be drawn to violent organizations fuelled by ethnic hatred or other lies. They will celebrate their goodness and the goodness of others, and share their gifts for the benefit of all.
Some may call me an idealist, but I've been working in the trenches with at-risk youth long enough to see that we are making a difference There are caring and compassionate staff and students in our schools who are helping to improve things.

The key to making the world safer, to significantly reducing the threat of terror in increasingly multicultural societies, is not greater security. It's not keeping out people who are "different" or building more secure prisons.

The key is to invest in educational system that strive to celebrate diversity and make sure that every individual knows they are significant It's in listening to our children when they cal for help. It's in making sure we have the mindset and the resources to help each sacred person achieve their greatest potential.
When we invest in every child, we all benefit.
Gerry Chidiac

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Highlights of Quebec's 2017-2018 financial plan:

Small tax cuts and bigger-than-expected increases for health and education will drive Quebec government spending in 2017
The Liberal government's fourth budget, tabled Tuesday, continues an effort begun last year to ease the pain of the austerity measures that marked the beginning of its mandate.
In his speech before the National Assembly, Finance Minister Carlos Leitao called it a good news budget that is "sustainable and responsible" - one that balances "renewed hope" with prudence.

## For your pocketbook:

No health tax for 2016 for people making less than $\$ 134,095$. If you've already submitted your taxes for 2016 1) wow! and 2) expect a new notice of assessment by June 30 .
$\$ 55$ income tax cut. The zero-tax threshold will be raised to $\$ 14,890$. That means all 4.3 million Quebecers making more will see a little extra cash on their 2017 returns.
One year extension to the RénoVert tax credit. If you spend more than $\$ 2,500$ on home renovations that support Quebec's sustainable development goals, you qualify for a 20 per cent tax credit. The rebate is capped at $\$ 10,000$.

## For your business

$\$ 26$ million in new funding for start-ups and small- and medium-sized businesses.
$\$ 125$ million in new money for innovating Quebec's manufacturing sector
\$179 million over five years for programs to help integrate immigrants into the labour market.

## Smarter

17.9 billion for education (including higher education).
Money to hire 1,500 new staff members for Quebec schools, who are to start in September $\$ 100$ million, between now and 2021-2022, to develop Montreal as an artificial intelligence super-cluster.

## Healthier

$\$ 36.8$ billion for health and social services. $\$ 100$ million to cut hospital wait times, and an additional $\$ 41$ million for cutting diagnostic and surgery wait times.
$\$ 65$ million to improve care in seniors' residences (CHSLDs), part of which will go towards hiring 1,150 nurses and other attendants.

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Families forgotten, says Deux-Montagnes MNA Charette
(NSN) The Coalition Avenir Québec's caucus of MNAs from the Laurentian region is critical of the Liberal government for taking into account the needs of families in the Laurentians in the 2017 budget.
According to the CAQ, no major investment was announced for the region in the budget, nor was the ongoing growth of the Laurentian area taken into account, or the fact that families will be receiving the equivalent of just $\$ 1$ more per week as tax relief.

## 'Bad planning,' says CAQ

"This is unacceptable," says Blainville CAQ MNA Mario Laframboise. "Once again this government, like all its predecessors, is forcing the citizens of the Lower Laurentians to endure the effect of bad planning and political choices erving other regions.
It's now more than 40 years that the citizens have been waiting for the completion of Aurotoure 19 with reserved lanes for mass transit," Laframboise continued. "Over the years, the Liberal Party of Quebec has announced five times its completion. What we see here is a lack of respect for motorists in the Lower Laurentians. This project is necessary and urgent that it be completed for the quality of life of users. In 2018, we will remember."

## Families forgotten: Charette

Deux-Montagnes CAQ MNA Benoit Charette said: "Overall, families in the Laurentians are completely forgotten by the government. They get no breathing space tax-wise while putting up with the fact road traffic is getting worse in view of the demographic growth.
"The same thing in terms of education and health, two networks which were badly, damaged by Liberal cuts these past few years," Charette added. "The money is not following the migration of citizens to the Lower Laurentians.

It's totally indecent that the government misses every chance to redress the under-financing of the Laurentians."

## Some tax cut, says CAQ

In the budget, according to the CAQ, the government proposes to reduce taxes by nearly $\$ 1$ per week for each taxpayer. Comparatively speaking, the party claims, Premier Philippe Couillard's party has taken $\$ 1,300$ from Quebec families' pockets since 2014
"At $\$ 1$ a week as a tax reduction, that's not exactly giving shock treatment to the econmy, and even less is it a respite for families in Quebec," says Mirabel CAQ MNA Sylvie d'Amours. "The obvious goal of their move seems electoral and it isn't with this that we will build Quebec. It's laughing in the faces of people who get up and go to work each morning."

## Surprenant: Previous losses

## exceed tax cuts

"After raising various rates, for example those for daycares for Quebec families in the past two years, or by downloading all sorts of bills onto municipalities and school commissions since he beginning of the mandate, it is evident that the $\$ 55$ cut per taxpayer is nothing compared to the losses endured by Quebec families these past few years," Surprenant said.
"If you add to this all the recurring increases in electricity bills, we come quickly to the conclusion that we are far off the mark, but most of all far away from the interests of the pocketbooks of the taxpayers," he continued. "As for the government's reinvesting in education Surprenant suggested that following all the cuts in recent years, this latest budget has all the marks of a pre-election fiscal exercise that was done to correct past errors.

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## Provinces to handle details, says Finance Minister Bill Morneau

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In the federal Liberal government's latest budget tabled in Ottawa on March 22, \$27.5 million was allotted for the specific purpose of developing better recognition in Canada
of the training and education credentials of immigrants.
However in a phone interview with Newsfirst Multimedia, Finance Minister Bill Morneau was unable to provide specific information on
the program, saying that the details would be worked out by the provinces.

## Meeting the need for skills

"We see as a very important issue for new immigrants coming to our country to make sure that we have a way of understanding and acknowledging their foreign credentials," said Morneau. "This is critically important so that we have the talent that we need from othe countries and that we don't have people with great skills that are just not being able to use those skills.
first of all, which means people who don't pay taxes can't get it," he added. "Second of all, it was intended to increase public transit ridership and it wasn't doing that. We actually examined whether it was having that impact and it wasn't. Third it was meant to improve our environ mental footprint it wasn't doing that either.

## Choices necessary, says

## Morneau

"So we decided instead of having that tax credit which wasn't doing what we wanted, we would spend a significant amount of money on

## 'Critically important so that we have the talent that we need from other countries,' Morneau says of credentials program

"So we will be looking to making sure that we do a better job at recognizing foreign credentials," he continued. "That obviously includes working together with the provinces. And we're committed to doing that.
Asked by Newsfirst Multimedia to provide a few details on the foreign credentials program, Morneau replied, "I know that there will be much details coming out on that through what we will be doing with the provinces"

## Transit tax credit cut

While the Liberals have maintained a focus on improving the lot of the middle-class since coming to power two years ago, some of the government's latest budget measures have been criticized for allegedly undermining middleclass interests. For example, a public transit tax credit has been eliminated in the new budget.
"We did look at taxes over the course of the ast year, because we want to make sure that last year, because we want to make sure that our tax system is fair, said Momeau. We wan or wake wa and concluded that they weren't really having the desired impact.
"The public transit tax credit is a tax credit


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public transit. We've committed $\$ 20$ billion over a decade to make a real difference in increasing transit ridership and importantly improving public transit. We think this is critically important. We have to make choices that are going to help all Canadians."
In a statement, the Liberal government said that budget 2017 was the next step in the government's long-term plan to create jobs and strengthen the middle class. "Canada is home to a well-educated and highly skilled workforce, but as the demands of the workplace change so too must the education and skills workers bring to their jobs," they said.

For his part, Morneau said, "Our budget was really a step in our long-term plan to make a difference for Canada. As you know, last year we set about making sure that middle-class Canadians are feeling more optimistic. We lowered taxes for middle-class Canadians. We introduced a Canada child benefit which helps middle-class families have more money for their families - \$2,300 per year on average after taxes.

## Consistent to the plan

"We made an important difference, and this year was very much about continuing that plan to make sure that our society is able to grow at the pace we want and still have access to the kind of training they need to be successful, to get jobs and transition to the kind of jobs they want.
"We pride ourselves on being a society that is a beacon for the world, open to immigration, successful because of our diversity and able to engage around the world because we have so many people, so many Canadians from everywhere in the world. That will continue to be important for our country as we seek success as a trading nation and seek to continue on a path to being a welcoming nation."

## Other measures in budget

The government maintains that budget 2017 among other things, closes tax loopholes, cracks down on tax evasion, improves existing tax measures for individuals and families, and eliminates measures that are inefficient or no longer effective.
"Through Budget 2017, the Government will also be taking steps toward eliminating tax measures that disproportionately benefit the wealthy," the finance ministry said in a statement. "By taking action today - investing in the things that Canadians need to succeed now and well into the future - Budget 2017 will help deliver a growing economy that works for every Canadian."

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Town to share cost evenly with community culture and sports group

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The Town of Rosemère and the Rosemère Cultural and Sports Development Corporation (CDCSR) have announced a partnership agreement for the development of the town's new Place des Jeunes, which they say will benefit young Rosemèrites.

## CDCSR paying for half

In accordance with terms of the agreement, some $\$ 700,000$ will be spent redeveloping a parcel of land at the corner of Charbonneau St. and Grande Côte Rd. for the sort of healthy lifestyle habits town officials say they want to encourage among Rosemère's youngsters.
The total investment includes a $\$ 350,000$ contribution by the CDCSR towards the implementation of the project. According to the town, construction work will begin as soon as weather permits (taking into account the thaw period) and will be carried out over a period of approximately twelve weeks

## Young and older 'boarders

Place des Jeunes, as officials with the town and the CDCSR have agreed to name the acility will be supervised by counsellors from the Option jeunesse organization. The openspace gathering place will include an all-new skate park allowing youngsters, as well as an increasingly older generation of skateboarders, to enjoy boarding, in-line skating, push scootering and BMX-type biking.
It will also feature rest areas, a shelter from inclement weather, as well as picnic tables, making Place des Jeunes a gathering place for the Rosemère community as a whole. Rosemère officials say the configuration of the new space meets the needs of future end-users. They point out that Place des Jeunes was planned with
guidance provided by group discussions and consultations with Rosemère's youths.

## Mayor grateful to CDCSR

"We are most grateful to the CDCSR for its generous contribution, which makes it possible to give considerable scope to this project that seeks to foster healthy lifestyle habits among young Rosemèrites," Mayor Madeleine Leduc said during a recent preview of the facility for the media at the public library. "They will have a place of their own - a safe, fun and trendy gathering place of which we are quite proud," she added.
The CDCSR's mission is to offer additional recreational, cultural, sports and community services," said Fernand Proulx, president of the CDCSR. "The Place des jeunes project is fully consistent with our mission and we are very proud of this partnership. Over our 34-year history, we have proudly participated in a number of community projects such as the Maison des Jeunes, the community centre, Hamilton House and many others."

## A carefully planned area

Place des Jeunes is part of a conceptual framework the Town of Rosemère has established near Charbonneau Park. Facilities within the quadrant just to the north of Grande Côte Rd. include Rosemère town hall and the public works complex and yards
In keeping with the rural ambience of Rosemère, there's also a strong component of nature (such as a beautifully-landscaped pond area and the Mille-Îles River shoreline), sports facilities (with natural and synthetic soccer fields, a bocce ball court and an outdoor skating rink). And, of course, there's the vast expanse of Charbonneau Park itself, which is the setting for community events year around.


Rosemère's director of leisure and community services Claude Guérin explains aspects of the future Place des Jeunes during a media briefing held at the public library.


Elected officials with the Town of Rosemère, as well as representatives of the administration and the CDCSR are seen here with a conceptual rendering of what Place des Jeunes will look like when completed later this year.


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## Thirty new Canadians take Oath of Citizenship at Legion Hall



Canadian Citizenship Judge Veronica Johnson (inset top) presided the ceremony where thirty people from all over the world became Canadian citizens during a colourful, mo

MARTIN C. BARRY $\longrightarrow$
Thirty people who were landed residents of Canada when they walked into DeuxMontagnes' Legion Hall left as full-fledged Canadian citizens following a colourful, moving and highly anticipated citizenship ceremony on April 1
The ceremony, which was presided by Canadian Citizenship Judge Veronica Johnson, was attended by Quebec Lieutenant Governor J. Michel Doyon. The candidates for citizenship came from 13 different countries

## Cultural entertainment

Before and following the ceremony, there
were performances by a number of music and cultural groups, including First Nations dancers, the Marunczak Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, the Forever Young Theater Group, the Moran Academy of Irish Dancing, a musical group from Lake of Two Mountains High, the École de Musique Liliane, the Ensemble Folklorique de Blainville and vocalist Rob Taylor who sang O Canada as well as Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah.
While the City of Deux-Montagnes played host and the mayor and several councillors attended, officials from the municipalities of Saint-Eustache, Saint-Joseph and Pointe Calumet were also among the guests, as were

Rivière-des-Mille-Îles MP Linda Lapointe and Deux-Montagnes MNA Benoit Charette.

## Lieutenant Governor speaks

"You are about to become citizens at a time when Canada is celebrating the $150^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of its foundation, the Lieutenant Governor pointed out in an address, during which he also noted that a number of the citizenship candidates came from countries where there a great deal more turmoil than in Canada. "I sincerely hope that you will enjoy happiness in your new country, in your new home," he said
"At every election, you have the right to change the direction of your country one vote at a time," Linda Lapointe said to the citizenship candidates Citizenship Judge Johnson encour ged the candidates to set goals for themselves ged the candize to forse Dax-Mone to ment Deux-Montagnes mayor Denis Martin also spoke, as did Deux-Montagnes MNA Charette

## A meaningful Oath of

## Citizenship

The candidates for citizenship took the following oath: "I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second Queen of Canada, Her heirs and Successors, and that will faithfully observe the laws of Canada and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen.
A pamphlet published by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada explained that the oath is based on a time-honoured relationship between the "Canadian Crown" and the country's people. In her coronation ceremony in 1953, the Queen took an oath of oyalty to the people, it says. In turn, the Oath of Canadian Citizenship is a "promise of loyalty back to the Queen."


Bagpiper Matthew Curiale helps lead in dignit


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ving and highly anticipated citizenship ceremony in Deux-Montagnes on April 1.

ries at the beginning of the ceremony at Deux-Montagnes' Legion Hall.


# Rosemère mayoralty hopeful Westram has his first candidates 

城品! ! \%(NSN) Independent Rosemère town councillor Eric Westram who is running for mayor in the fall municipal election has announced his first two candidates for town council seats. Philip Panet-Raymond and Melisssa Monk will be on the ballot next Nov. 5 .
Westram's team, which has been officially registered under the name InnovAction Plus, also unveiled their campaign logo during an event held at the Café de la Gare on March 29.
"It's with enthusiasm and pride that I accept to lead this team," Westram told around 200 supporters who turned up for the evening event. "It is mostly but above all else a responsibility that I accept, a responsibility to bring this team to another level, that is to win the next lection in Nower" he added. "I feel ready and privileged to be able to run a team that has true values.'


Philip Panet-Raymond, left, and Melisssa Monk will be on the ballot next Nov. 5 with Rosemère mayoralty candidate Eric Westram's InnovAction Plus party.


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The Community Lunch Room is still open for all residents in and around the Deux Montagnes area. This entirely free luncheon event is held at 214-14th Avenue in Deux Montagnes, which used to be Christ Church and is now the Oasis French Baptist Church. We are supported by a Grant from the Good Samaritans Fund of the United Church of Canada, and sponsored by Rosemere Memorial Church, plus the local AGAPE Committee, 4 Korners, and the Lions Club. We welcome all comers to join us for a delicious hot lunch each week on Tuesdays at noon. There is no charge for the meal, you may make a donation if you wish, but just come with your friends for a lovely meal in a convivial atmosphere, we are always happy to see you. The only rules are that everyone respects each other, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call Stella Cox at 450-623-5192.

ALL SAI NTS CHURCH
248-18th Ave. Deux-Montagnes Priest: Reverend David Hart david@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca Telephone: 450-473-9541 info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

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.

## April 13th

Maundy Thursday Supper and Service 6:00 pm

## April 14th

Good Friday Walk of Witness 2: 30 pm

## April 15th

Easter Vigil 6:00pm

## ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

328 Pine St. Rosemere, QC Tel: 450-621-6466 info@stjamesrosemere.ca

Sunday Services at 9:00AM.
The Drop In Centre will be open every Wednesday from 10:00AM- 2 pm .
Come and join us for a coffee and fellowship and stay for a light soup lunch.
The church is open for quiet meditation.

Please join us for our special Sunday
of the Passion, Liturgy of the Palms.
Palm Sunday Service, 9 April at
9:00AM.

The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday 16 April 2017 at 9:00AM.
St. James wishes you all a most Blessed Easter.
Saturday, April 22 6pm
Community Outreach Dinner
Cost $\$ 5.00$, children free
Please call 450-965-7507 to reserve as seating is limited

Are you looking for a venue to hold a meeting, private party, baptism etc.? St. James does? Please give us a call to ask for availability and rates.

HOLY CROSS PARISH
555 Lefrançois, Rosemere 450-621-2150

Saturday Mass Services at Parish Center, 555 Lefrançois, Rosemere at 4:00PM
Sunday Mass Services at Ste. François Cabrini Church, Rosemere at 9:00AM Please contact the office at 450-621-2150 for any questions. Thank you, Parish Manager.

## April 9th

Palm Sunday Mass Service, Ste. Françoise Cabrini, 9:00AM April 13th
Holy Thursday Celebration, Ste. Françoise Cabrini, 7:00PM

## April 14th

Good Friday Event
time \& location TBC

## April 16th

Easter Sunday Mass, St. Maurice (BDF), 11:00AM

## April 28th

Military Whist, Parish Center 7:00PM

## April 30th

Brunch/BBQ Parish Center 11:00AM

HERITAGE SOCIAL CLUB
503 Cedar Avenue, Deux Montagnes Tel: 450-473-5429
Bingo every 3rd Wednesday
of the month at $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
Rental information for the hall
is available 514-978-1491
Email address:
heritage_social_club@yahoo.ca / webpage: www.heritagesocialclub.com

Night open Thursday, Friday,
Saturday and Sunday from 2:00pm

## MEALS ON WHEELS DEUXMONTAGNES

Sue (450-472-1400)
Aileen (450-473-9386)
"Meals on Wheels" is primarily for people struggling to maintain their independence. Two good meals a week may provide just enough to enable them to be on their own. They have volunteers who do the buying, cooking, driving, and delivering.

## MEALS ON WHEELS IN ROSEMERE

Alet Bosse at 450-621-9179
Annie G'sell at 450-965-9233
MEALS ON WHEELS is a non-profit organization and our volunteers are committed to deliver to your home, twice a week on Monday and Friday for a minimum cost. Those meals include main dish cooked with fresh vegetables and dessert home-made.

We have a good choice of menu that vary continuously. This service is offered to anyone in need of a little extra help recovering from an accident, illness, difficult pregnancy, handicapped, surgery or for senior citizens.


 I look up and out of nowhere, there is Dad.
At first, it's a disaster. My father threatens to have Tom investigated to find out what he's up to with me. Tom offers to save him the trouble and tells Dad he loves me. Dad counters that it does not hurt that I am a beautiful heiress to a growing fortune.

Tom admits to getting lucky on the beautiful part, but says he is not a gold-digger. Tom tells Dad if he was a gold-digger, he would have tried to find
a woman with rich grandparents, not a rich father still in his 40 s.
Dad got a big laugh out of that. He jabs people and seems to like people who counterpunch. The tone changes, and Dad says when I picked a boyfriend, at least I picked a man, somebody with guts.

Then Dad tells Tom how his other kids are worthless, how a woman is just a woman, but I am something special. The other kids are my older half-brother, by a woman my dad never married, and my younger sister. His comment about them made me mad.

Tom confirms knowing I am special, but tells him he's wrong about my siblings. Dad asks Tom if he's locked into becoming a veterinarian because he would hire him. Tom declines. Then Dad tells Tom not to knock me up until I finish school

He tells us that Tom should hang out with my half-brother because he could benefit from being


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Dad has never talked about me in such endearing terms. Later, Tom told me that while my dad is different, they would be okay. Please interpret. What happened between the two of them?

Annette
Annette, your father wanted to see if your boyfriend was a pushover, a rollover or a stand up man. Caught off guard, how would Tom react?
Tom passed the ambush. At dinner, he was himself, a stand-up guy with his own plans and aspirations. Hard working, independent, knows his own mind.
One male insults another as a way of taking his measure. When the second male responds in kind, the two see themselves as members of the same group, each worthy of respect. It's a way males bond, a way of

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LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS FOR

## CROSSWORDS




IN MEMORIAM \& OBITUARIES

## BLACK, Joan

1933-2017
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs. Joan Black, loving wife of Mr. James Black. She rejoins her son Stephen and her grandson Kyle and she leaves to mourn her daughter Carolyn (Brian), her son Derek and wife Jackie and her five grandchildren.


## CLOUTIER, Claire

In Saint-Basil-le-Grand, on March 19, 2017 passed away Mrs. Claire Cloutier, common- law wife of Mr. Henry Wieczorek. Loving mother of Jean-François and her daughter- in-law Sophie. She leaves behind the father of Jean-François: Réal Hébert, the late Benoit and late Raymond, her brother Yvon, her sisters: Jeanine, Monique, Gisèle and Carole and their families. She also leaves many other relatives and friends.


## FOURNIER, Patricia

1940-2017
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## HULFELD, Eugen

1939-2017
Peacefully at home, on February 27, 2017 at the age of 77, Mr. Eugen Hulfeld passed away. Loving husband of Ingrid Dietrich. Dear father of Gabi (Dietmar), Karin (Bernhard) and Rosemarie. Dear Opa to Michael, Kristina, Melanie, Keven and Stephanie. Loving brother of late Ernst, Heidi (Harald) and Elfi. Loving brother-in-law Otto Marcelle. He will be sadly missed by family and friends in Canada, Austria and Germany.

## PAPADAKIS, Linda Carol

1956-2017
In Montreal at McGill University Health Centre after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Predeceased by her husband Steve, father Edward, step-mother Hélène (née Lemieux), sister Arlene (Allan Walker) and nephew Scott Walker. Survived by her sons Evangelo and Richard, who was her caregiver and a great comfort throughout her long illness. Lovingly remembered by her mother Lillian (née Hewitt), sister Glenda (George Tomaszczyk), brothers Richard (Donna) Croke and Graeme Croke - all of Mississauga and half-brother Patrick Croke - of Laval. Fondly remembered by her nieces Sarah Coyne, Jennifer, Suzanne and Alicia Tomaszczyk, nephews Joseph Croke (now Brandt) and Danny Walker.


## RAYMOND, Frank

1928-2017
Mr. Frank Raymond died peacefully in Laval on March 19, 2017, at the age of 88. Born in Lachute, Quebec, on December 8, 1928, he was the husband of Constance Dubuc and the father of Maxine (Marc), Yves (Mary-Anne), Stéphane (Christiane) and Sophie. He also leaves to mourn his grandchildren Ingrid, François, Maude, Shawn, Julien, Carelle and Charlotte, his great-granddaughter Silvia and many relatives and friends. Founder of Van de WaterRaymond Ltd., Mr. Raymond was an impassioned and visionary businessman whose remarkable accomplishments spanned his entire career. He remained active with the family-owned firm until 2015. Frank Raymond not only personified enormously important human values such as generosity, respect and perseverance, he inspired them in others. His children are especially proud to have had the privilege of following in his footsteps. The family wishes to express its sincerest thanks to the team at Maison de Soins Palliatifs de Laval for their wonderful care and devotion, and to everyone who ensured Mr. Raymond's comfort and dignity in his final moments.

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13+ | 1 hr 36 mins | Action-Comedy |


Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, three lifelong pals risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money.

## SMURESA THIE LOST VILLAGE

G | 1 hr 30 mins | Animation-Comedy |


In this fully animated, all-new take on the Smurfs, a mysterious map sets Smurfette and her friends Brainy, Clumsy and Hefty on an exciting race through the Forbidden Forest leading to the discovery of the biggest secret in Smurf history

## GHOST IN THE SHILL

G | 1 hr 47 mins | Action-Science Fiction |


A cyborg (Scarlett Johansson) leads an elite task force to battle dangerous criminals and extremists.

## THEBOSS BABY

G| 1 hr 37 mins | Animation |


A hilariously universal story about how a new baby's arrival impacts a family, told from the point of view of a delightfully unreliable narrator, a wildly imaginative 7 year old named Tim.

## THE ZOORE[PRES WMFI

$13+$ | 2 hrs 06 mins | Drama |


Goon: Last of the Enforcers is an upcoming Canadi-an-American sports comedy film written by Jay Baruchel and Jesse Chabot as a sequel to the 2011 film Goon.

## LOGAN

13+ | 2 hrs 17 mins | Action-Science Fiction |


Set in the future of 2024, Logan and Professor Charles Xavier must cope with the loss of the X-Men when a corporation lead by Nathaniel Essex is destroying the world leaving it to destruction, with Logan's healing abilities slowly fading away and Xavier's Alzheimer's forcing him to forget. Logan must defeat Nathaniel Essex with the help of a young girl named Laura Kinney, a female clone of Wolverine.

## RONG: STKULI ISLAND

$\mathrm{G} \mid 2$ hrs 0 min | Action |


A team of explorers and soldiers travel to an uncharted island in the Pacific, unaware that they are crossing into the domain of monsters, including the mythic Kong.

## CHIPS

13+ | 1 hr 40 mins | Drama-Crime |


Jon Baker and Frank "Ponch" Poncherello have just joined the California Highway Patrol in Los Angeles, but for very different reasons. Baker is a professional motorbike rider who's trying to put his life and marriage back together. Poncherello is a cocky, undercover FBI agent who's investigating a multimillion dollar heist that may be an inside job. Forced to work together, the inexperienced rookie and hardened veteran begin clashing instead of clicking while trying to nab the bad guys.





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