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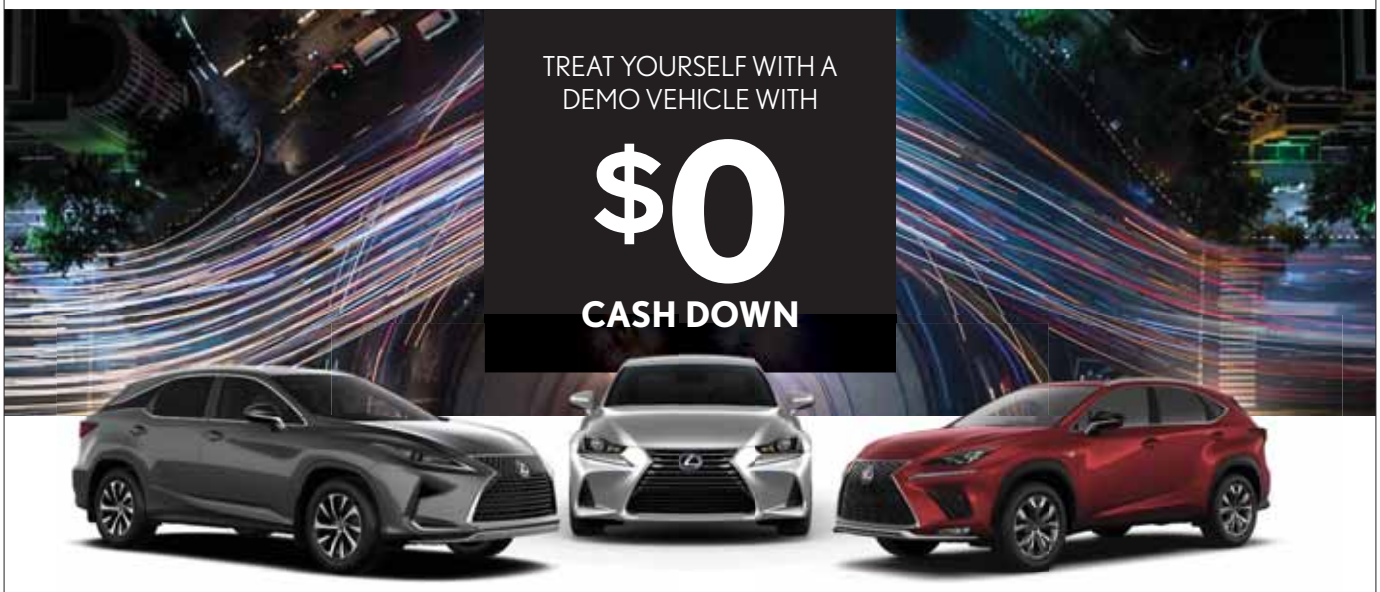

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Seeing red

Following a ruling by the Commission municipale du Québec (CMQ), Saint-Lazare District 5 Councillor Richard Chartrand has been suspended without pay for two weeks over what was deemed a 'conflict of interest' following a 2019 blood drive held at Chez Maurice, a local bar he owns. See story on page 3.

"Everybody is a book of blood; wherever we're opened, we're red." – Clive Barker

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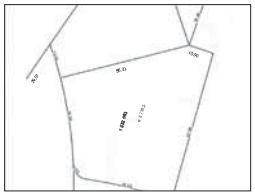

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Saint-Lazare councillor expelled from council for two weeks

Alleged conflict of interest regarding blood drive

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Saint-Lazare District 5 Councillor Richard Chartrand said his commercial establishment, Bar Chez-Mauice, does not profit financially from the annual blood drive held on its premises and says the goal is to help save lives.

John Jantak
The Journal

Saint-Lazare District 5 Councillor Richard Chartrand was at the Tuesday evening council meeting as usual but not in his role as councillor. Chartrand was sitting in the audience as an ordinary citizen after being expelled from council for a two-week period based on a reported conflict of interest ruling that was recently handed down by the Commission municipale du Québec (CMQ).

The decision by the CMQ stems from a blood drive that was held by Chartrand for Héma-Québec at his private enterprise, bar Chez Maurice, in 2019. The CMQ ruled that, as a councillor, Chartrand was in a conflict-of-interest because the town was not obliged to put up signs or promote the blood drive in any way.

Meant to help those in need

Chartrand maintains the blood drive, one of several he's held over the past few years, was not intended to solicit any kind of financial gain from the town or anyone else, but merely to collect blood to help those in need. "Last year I voted for the city's blood donor clinic and I was in a conflict of interest because I held my blood donor clinic after that," he said.

"The CMQ ruled that because I had my blood donor clinic at Chez Maurice, I was doing marketing for my business and I'm in a conflict of interest because I'm using the city to make money which isn't the case. I just want to save lives," Chartrand told *The Journal*. He added the CMQ's decision to expel him from council was unfair.

Chartrand stood in front of the microphone during question period to protest his expulsion. He also did a quick survey of what the four sitting councillors thought of the decision.

Council's reaction

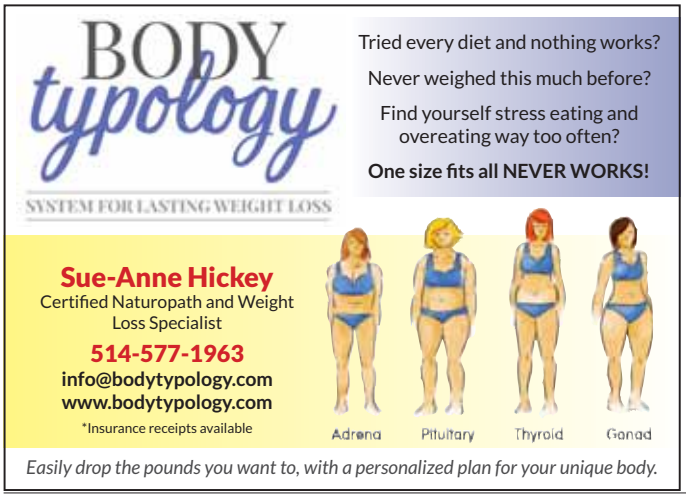
District 1 Councillor Geneviève Lachance said it was unfortunate the situation reached the point where Chartrand was expelled especially considering all the positive work the Chartrand family has done to help the community with their previous blood drives. She added the expulsion puts a stain on the Chartrand family name.

District 2 Councillor Pierre Casavant said while he didn't know all the specifics related to the issue because he was recently elected to council in a by-election, he personally felt the two week expulsion was a bit too much.

District 4 Councillor Michel Poitras said it was unfortunate the situation caused a whirlpool within a small glass. District 6 Councillor Brain Trainor was also supportive of Chartrand. "I think there was no malintent on what you did. You've done wonderful things for the past 20 years with the blood donor clinic. There was never any intention on your behalf to do anything wrong," said Trainor.

"From a layman's point-of-view, no one would see you as having done anything wrong but from a technical point-of-view it's deemed you did cross the line as far as what the CMQ claim as being in a conflict-of-interest," Trainor added.

Mayor Robert Grimaudo declined to comment specifically on Chartrand's situation except to say that, "The CMQ did their investigation and issued their ruling."



EDITOR'S CORNER

Wheels of justice

When the SQ released security camera footage of an Île-Perrot hit-and-run collision almost a year ago seeking information from the public, it immediately went viral. The video showed a pedestrian crossing the street one snowy evening before being flung into the air like a rag doll after being struck by a dark SUV. The driver continued on his way without stopping (see story on page 5).

We recently found out the driver will not serve any jail time even though he operated a motor vehicle for eight months despite doctor's orders not to do so due to an eye problem. And it's reasonable to draw the conclusion that a lack of proper vision would aggravate the situation on what was a dark and snowy evening. The Crown Prosecutor herself thought jail time was warranted for a visual impairment severe enough that the offender later said he assumed he had hit the curb with his car, and not a human being.

The sentence decided by the judge was similar to that of the penalty issued for a first-offense of drunk driving. Not to condone driving under the influence in any way, but the choice to drive drunk is most often a one-time lapse in judgment and drunkenness is rarely – if ever – a condition that endures for eight months.

The fact that the victim was not killed should in no way lessen the consequences for the decision the driver made to put the lives of his fellow community members repeatedly at risk.

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Photo of the week

PHOTO BY HUKO LEIDLA

Ever wondered what photographers are doing over the holidays? They are inside the bubble like everybody else says Hudson resident Huko Leidla who captured these amazing bubbles in the ice. We're switching up our *Photo of the Week* contest this year. Photos will not be limited to the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region and we will be offering three prizes at the end of the year - $200 for first place, $100 for second, and $50 for third. Interested? Send your entries to editor@yourlocaljournal.ca. We will showcase all submissions on our website at www.yourlocaljournal.ca/photo-of-the-week.

Dear Editor: editor@yourlocaljournal.ca

Fair share

Dear Editor,

I have been the general manager of Manoir Cavagnal since February, 1998. For those who are new to Hudson it was built in 1978 and owned by five Legions. We are not-for-profit and our purpose is to give veterans, their families, and moderate to lower income seniors an affordable place to call home.

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Our building is now 42 years old and the challenges to keep this vision and promise alive is getting more difficult as repairs become more expensive, utilities, materials, manpower, taxes, and everything goes up in price.

Our rents include heating, electricity, hot water and Videotron cable television. Our 3 ½ apartments are $707 per month. We have managed to keep the rents low thanks to prudent budgeting, wonderful volunteers (tenants and outsiders), and dedicated staff who have no problem going beyond their duties or paid hours.

For the last three years I have been asking council members to revisit our taxation regarding water and sewer rates.

We are taxed as residential; therefore our rate for water and sewer is the same as a house (any size, any number of bedrooms, bathroom or inhabitants) times 88 apartments (doors). For example last year we paid $64,525.42 in taxes of which $27,434.88 was only for water and sewer. Anyone would agree that one small apartment with mainly one senior living there does not use either services in the same amount as a house. We have a water meter (since March, 2011) and are able to track consumption and we use approximately 30 per cent of what Quebec measures per household.

I have been asking for the last three years that those two services be reduced to one charge for every two apartments (44). I believe it's more than fair. Council has been promising to look into it. Again this year I have sent all the most recent information and yet it falls on deaf ears.

To make matters even worse 2020 taxation shows an increase of sewer tax from $172.42 per door to $250 giving the Manoir a direct hit of $6,800. Just on that one service.

Our founders would be very disappointed. I am very disappointed that this council has so little understanding that not every pensioner can afford huge rents – many receive Federal and Provincial pension only. The Manoir Cavagnal's residents occupy a huge place in Hudson. They shop locally, frequent local restaurants, and attend local events.

If you agree that our tenants should pay for what they use and not be bundled with all the homes in Hudson, maybe to can reach out to your councillor and explain them what fairness means.

Thank you for your time.
Nicole Durand, General Manager
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No jail for Île-Perrot hit-and-run driver

Nick Zacharias
The Journal

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A still frame image captured from security camera footage shows the moment just before the pedestrian was struck January 29, 2019 in Île-Perrot while crossing 25th Avenue.

FILE PHOTO BY CLAUDE ROBILLARD

Former Île-Perrot fire department member Éric Flynn was sentenced to two years' probation and 100 hours of community service for last year's hit-and-run event.

Île-Perrot resident Eric Flynn, found guilty of operating a conveyance in a manner that is dangerous to the public following a hit-and-run incident on January 29 of last year, received a sentence of 100 hours of community service and two years of probation.

Crown prosecutor Cynthia Perreault requested that Flynn receive a sentence of three to six months in prison, given that he struck the victim when he had been explicitly told by his doctor not to drive, and that he failed to remain at the scene or report the incident to police afterwards.

Flynn is a former first responder with the Town of Île-Perrot who went on long-term disability because of an eye condition, diagnosed in May of 2018, for which he is awaiting surgery. He admitted at the Valleyfield Courthouse on December 6, 2019 that he had continued to drive "short distances" on a daily basis for roughly eight months between the time he was told to stop driving and when he struck the victim, 40-year-old Mario Cianfagna. The incident occurred on a snowy evening at the intersection of 25th Avenue and Boulevard Perrot. Flynn testified that he did not see the victim and thought he had driven over a curb.

"Am I wearing glasses?" asked Judge Bertrand St-Arnaud, in an impromptu test of the severity of Flynn's impairment. Leaning forward in the stand, not more than 15 feet from the judge's bench, Flynn was unable to tell.

Driving with impaired vision

Said Perreault, "He knew clearly this was a real risk. Driving (like this) every day since the spring of 2018, that's how many times he risked lives?" Noting the impact statement of the victim, who suffered injuries from the trauma, Perreault said he was lucky there was a snow bank to catch his fall. She wondered aloud how driving with Flynn's level of vision impairment was any different from driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The incident was captured on video, which widely made the rounds on news and social media and can be seen at www.facebook.com/TheJournalYLJ/videos/2340115966052142. Flynn admitted that even when his daughter showed him the video, and he recognized himself in it, he did not come forward. He didn't confess his involvement to anyone until Sûreté du Québec (SQ) officers, following their investigation, arrived at his front door. He then allowed them to look at his vehicle, but still did not disclose his eye problems.

Judge opts against prison time

Perrault cited a precedent where a similar offender was sentenced to 12 months in prison, while Flynn's lawyer, Constantin Kyriakidis, cited examples of lesser sentencing and requested an absolute discharge.

The judge dismissed the idea of a discharge, saying that it would send the wrong message about driving when you should not. He noted circumstances he'd seen where accidents had been caused by drivers who got behind the wheel in spite of exhaustion, or by seniors who continued to drive after symptoms associated with age had made it dangerous. He also, however, said he had an obligation to consider all reasonable alternative sanctions.

Ultimately, citing Flynn's character as a 50-year-old family man with no previous record and a low likelihood to re-offend, St-Arnaud opted not to send him to jail. He instead issued the sentence of community service along with probation, including the condition that Flynn surrender his driver's license and be prohibited from driving for a period of one year.

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Roads and tax fairness on the agenda for Hudson

PHOTO BY NICK ZACHARIAS

Hudson resident Elizabeth Corker, holding the microphone, asks council why residents of the privately owned section of Quarry Point road must be held to such a high standard for paving it and installing new culverts and lights before it can be municipalized, an undertaking which she called "totally cost prohibitive" for the small group of private citizens.

Nick Zacharias
The Journal

The Town of Hudson held their regular council meeting as scheduled on January 13, and major issues for discussion included a by-law stipulating requirements for the municipalization of private roads, the new residential and commercial tax structures for 2020, and questions about the fairness of the new tax structure for a local seniors' residence.

The meeting was again led by Pro-Mayor Austin Rikley-Krindle, causing citizens to question if Mayor Jamie Nicholls was going to return, and why he is entitled to continue earning a salary while he is absent. Council simply confirmed that by Quebec law elected municipal officials have the right to three months' paid leave if they are unable for any reason to carry out their duties.

During question period, resident Elizabeth Corker rose to ask about the logic of the new by-law stipulating the conditions to municipalize roads. Several roads in Hudson are still privately owned, but the town is continuing to work towards municipalizing them and the by-law sets out the conditions that must first be met by private owners before the town can take responsibility for future re-paving and maintenance.

Said Corker, "Months ago we met with the Director General (Philip Toone) and members of the infrastructure committee to discuss the Quarry Point homeowners' association's proposal to re-pave lower Quarry Point and then turn it over to the town." Corker said they followed specifications provided by public works and requested a letter confirming the acceptance of the proposal before they would commit to privately paying for roughly $100,000 of roadwork.

"We never got that letter and are now having to deal with a whole new set of criteria listed in By-law 724. I would have to say that under the new criteria … it is impossible to conform to and totally cost prohibitive." She followed up saying this takes away any incentive for private road owners to municipalize roads unless there was room for negotiation.

To complicate issues, there are several roads where listed owners are either impossible to find or deceased, in which case the town will have to take on the financial responsibility for municipalization. "So us poor schmucks are the only ones who have to pay?" asked Corker, wondering why private road owners are being held to such a high standard while paying the same taxes as those who live on public roads. Councillor Jim Duff, a member of the infrastructure committee, pointed out an allowance for exceptions in the document and said, "I think we can probably negotiate a solution."

The by-law was passed by majority, with Councillor Helen Kurgansky opposed.

Tax fairness

Rikley-Krindle gave a presentation on the new tax structure for 2020. In the spirit of fairness, mill rates are actually being lowered while fees for debt service, water, sewer, and garbage are being raised to reflect use. The goal is to ensure that no one is taxed for services they do not receive. The presentation showed an average residential tax increase of 1.74 per cent to 2.33 per cent, which the pro-mayor stated is in line with inflation.

While the new tax structure will provide fairness for most, Nicole Durand, who runs the Manoir Cavagnal seniors' residence, feels that they in particular will suffer under the new model. With 88 units in the residence, "…you are charging me 88 times for sewer and water, and I see here that the rate for sewer is going up to $250 which gives me a net increase at the Manoir of $6,820." She argued it is unfair that the residential rate is the same for them, with single seniors living in small apartments, as it is for large family homes with many members including young kids.

"We don't use even a third of the water that other residential properties do," Durand said. She asked, with several residents later voicing support, that the town consider the financial realities of low-income seniors and reduce the tax load to one application of the water and sewer fees for every two doors in the residence instead.

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Mark your January calendars for the annual Robbie Burns dinner and dance on Saturday, January 25 in the Community Centre main hall. Ryan Grozier will be playing the bagpipes for us and the dance music will be provided once again by Greg Inniss. The meal will consist of roast beef and veggies and, of course, Haggis. The cost will be $30 for this special event. You can reserve by calling (450) 458-4882.

Cribbage returns Friday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m., only $5 for the evening.

If you have moved in recent months please update your coordinates with the Branch so our files are current. You can leave the info at the bar or in the office and mark on the envelope what it is about.

There are a number of new membership cards and 2020 stickers as well now available at the bar. Please check to see if yours is there.

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CARMEN MARIE FABIO

It's all good

When one decade wraps with a viral news story of the holiest of holy men Pope Francis slapping the hand of an over-zealous worshipper, one can be forgiven for thinking it's a harbinger of what's to come and, so far, 2020 has been noteworthy in many truly awful ways.

From the ongoing reports of the devastating wildfires in Australia that have, by some estimates, killed as many as a billion animals, we then received news of the Trump-ordered retaliatory assassination of Iranian military general Qasem Soleimani. Dozens of mourners were crushed at the revered figure's funeral procession. The ensuing instability in the region saw the downing of a Ukrainian commercial flight resulting in the death of 176 civilians, mostly Iranian and Canadian, reportedly the result of surface to air missiles fired in error.

Harvey Weinstein continues to face new allegations of sexual assault whilst appearing in court on previous charges and the United Kingdom recently sentenced its most prolific rapist – reportedly 190 victims – to life in prison.

I could go on but other stories, like Megxit for example, is not of the same calibre in comparison to what's occurred only two weeks into this New Year.

So I'm grateful to Rigaud reader Sandra Stephenson who sent me a link to remind me that despite climate change, earthquakes, and a royal deciding to move his family out of his mom's house, there *is* news to celebrate in the world if we look for it.

Over the past 12 months, there have been increases in the population size of humpback whales, dolphins, and tigers while poaching rates for rhinos and elephants have dropped.

More attention is being paid to the globe's oceans and forests via concrete measures including Canada becoming the first country in the world to protect more than 10 per cent of its oceans.

Malaria infections have dropped in Asia by 76 per cent and have been eliminated in Algeria and Argentina, and HIV-related deaths are a third of what they were in 2010.

Cigarette and alcohol consumption is down and the population is kicking cancer's ass with more force than it ever has before.

Ebola, trachoma, typhoid, heart disease, tuberculosis, polio, stroke… all significantly diminished.

Many countries are phasing out, or have already banned, single use plastics, Styrofoam, and microbeads – even balloons by 2021.

Of course it's not all good news. While the US senate passed legislation protecting 1.3 million acres from mining operations, it was revealed this week that Trump's wall along the Mexican border will traverse part of the Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Texas, a biologically diverse area that's been protected for four decades.

I also really wanted to believe the news story about the wombats in Australia who were – according to Greenpeace – shepherding other small mammals into their vast complexes of underground burrows to escape the wildfire flames, thereby showing more leadership than many elected officials. Unfortunately, turns out it's not entirely true. Apparently wombats create intricate burrows with metres of tunnels having multiple entrances and other critters have been known to descend into them, sometimes without the wombats' knowledge.

So while they're technically not 'shepherding' other animals into their underground homes, there have been observances of *interspecies tolerance in extremis* meaning that in recognition of the extreme conditions, the wombats are permitting the presence of other animals in need.

One more lesson us humans can learn from animals.

See more good news at tinyurl.com/w4ppq7n

New Canadian judo champion in Île-Perrot

Nick Zacharias

The Journal

Sixteen-year-old Myriam Brazeau, who trains with the Dojo Perrot Shima Judo Club in Île-Perrot, is the new 2020 Canadian 'Elite 8' judo champion in the under 18 age group.

Held last weekend at the Pierre Charbonneau centre at the Olympic park in Montreal, the Elite 8 Championship is a tournament where only the eight top-ranked athletes (or judokas) in the country qualify to enter for each category. The rankings are a reflection of points earned at various other tournaments throughout the year. Also qualifying for the Elite 8 championship from the club were Alex Marineau and Ryan Proulx, both of whom unfortunately were prevented from competing due to injuries.

Brazeau has been practicing judo for about four and a half years with the club, and is part of the sport-études program at Chêne-Bleu secondary school in Pincourt, which allows her extra hours of training with coach Richard Proulx.

"She trains about 30 hours a week," said Proulx "and that's on top of studying for school, and she also works. That's a lot of dedication at age 16."

That dedication is paying off.

Brazeau dominated her way through six fights last Saturday to take the top spot in her category. There are different ways to win a judo match: on points at the end of the time limit, by pinning an opponent on their back for 20 seconds, or by executing a controlled throw causing the opponent to land directly on their back on the mat, which ends the match immediately.

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Myriam Brazeau, at the age of 16, has become this year's Canadian champion in the under 18 year-old category at the Elite National Judo Championship, which saw the best competitors from across the country fighting for the top spot last weekend in Montreal.

"Most of her matches were over in about 12 seconds," said Proulx, "I think the longest one was against a girl from Alberta that lasted about a minute and a half, but all the rest were over very fast."

With such an overwhelming performance at this year's Elite 8, Brazeau has the potential to see many more national or international victories in her future. Says Proulx, "She's a quiet girl, almost borderline shy, but when she goes on the mat, she's a real machine."

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English anxiety management courses being offered by Le Versant

John Jantak
The Journal

Spaces are still available for an English-language workshop being offered by Le Versant to help people living in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region with anxiety issues deal with their condition.

Even though the first workshop officially began on Wednesday, January 15, Le Versant still has room to accommodate a few more English-speaking individuals who are interested in participating in the 12-week program.

"We've been doing this since 2008. Our workshops are mostly in French but we also offer an English program because of the high demand we've received from the population. The workshops are to help people with anxiety issues including social anxiety disorder," Marthe Bois from Le Versant told *The Journal*.

Most common mental health issue

Anxiety is one of the most common mental health problems that afflict people. The condition also imposes a major impact on the economy and causes school and workplace absenteeism. Physical symptoms related to anxiety issues also generate frequent visits to the emergency room which adds a strain to the healthcare system and contributes to increased expenditures for health and social services.

Fortunately, there are numerous therapeutic approaches that can help relieve anxiety. The therapeutic model used by Le Versant is called Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) which is touted as one of most effective methods for helping to alleviate anxiety issues, said Bois.

Successful program

The workshops are led and monitored by former participants who have succeeded in managing their anxiety issues. "We provide peer help to our clients," said Bois. Each workshop session is two hours long for a total of 12 sessions.

Most of the people who have participated in the previous workshops are happy with the results, said Bois. "During the first hour of each workshop, people express their feelings about how they deal with their anxiety. During the second hour, the monitors provide examples of various approaches they can take to alleviate their anxiety," said Bois.

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A 12-week English workshop being held at the Vaudreuil-Dorion CLSC to address anxiety issues still has some available spots.

Mandatory first workshop

All participants are required to take the mandatory first workshop – *The Global Approach: The Key to Master One's Anxiety Disorders* – before registering for the other three subjects in the program. The weekly two-hour sessions will be held at the CLSC on Boulevard-de-la-Gare in Vaudreuil-Dorion. There is a $40 fee for materials to participate in the program.

For more information or to register for the anxiety workshop program, contact Marthe Bois at Le Versant at 450-469-2093. Information about specific topics that will be covered in the workshop are also available on the Le Versant website at https://leversant.org/inscriptions/.

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Boomers and Snowflakes

Near the tail end of 2019, "Okay, boomer" became the latest buzz phrase to sweep the internet, popularized by Millennials and Generation Z after it was used in response to a viral video of a man criticizing today's younger generations.

The phrase is used to mock or dismiss someone who is perceived as being narrow-minded or condescending, and it is generally employed against older people or those whose views lean conservative.

This is just the newest meme that has stirred the pot of intergenerational tension. The common criticisms come up time and time again. Among other things, Baby Boomers are accused of outdated thinking and of being responsible for the current negative state of affairs, while Millennials and Gen Z are criticized over traits including laziness, entitlement, and holding an overly bleak view of the world.

Where does "okay, boomer" fit into this whole dialogue? For starters, the purpose of this phrase is to cut short a conversation. It signals that someone is finished listening and has decided to check out.

I know what it's like to have your experiences or worldview dismissed. I would bet that most of us do. It's frustrating. But we shouldn't turn away from the chance to exchange ideas and views altogether.

Reactions from some baby boomers have been wildly disproportionate, with at least one infamous response going as far as calling the phrase an ageist equivalent to "the n-word." Thankfully, it seems that only a small minority of all generations involved are taking it that seriously.

Whenever two people with different sets of experiences and opinions meet, there's bound to be tension at some point. Learning to engage with and listen to people with beliefs different from our own is a step in the right direction. It could help us find common ground and foster more cooperation between all of us.

"Okay, boomer" won't be what breaks the bonds between generations for good. It's hardly the first catchphrase used to play into negative stereotypes about an entire generation. It wasn't long ago that "snowflake" emerged as a popular buzzword for the negative characteristics attributed to millennials and teens.

There is a time and place for calling people out and telling them to check themselves when they are in the wrong. There is a time and place for poking fun at and expressing frustration over generational differences. There is even a time and place for ending conversations that may not be worth engaging in. But making trends out of belittling and invalidating entire generations isn't a path I'm comfortable taking, even – and especially – as a retaliatory response to similar treatment.

Every generation is defined by things both good and bad. Dismissing each other as soon as we run into roadblocks prevents us from learning what we can from each other's experiences, values, strengths, and weaknesses. And getting caught up in generational warfare over every new meme that comes along certainly doesn't help anyone.

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The 2020 Poker Tournament and Casino Night is being held to help raise funds to create the first emergency shelter resource for young adults in the West Island.

2020 Poker Tournament and Casino Night fundraiser

For its 4th edition, the 2020 Poker Tournament/Casino Night aims to raise the record amount of $50,000 to finance Ricochet, whose mission is to create housing resources for young people aged 18 to 35 who live with residential instability in the West Island.

This event will mark the end of the #OneBrickAtATime campaign, which began October 18, with Caisse Desjardins de l'Ouest-de-l'Île as its main partner.

An emblematic figure of the #OneBrickAtATime campaign, the Desjardins Virtual Wall is being built with the support of the community.

Through the purchase of virtual bricks, donors are helping to bring us closer to our goal of creating the first emergency shelter resource for young adults in the West Island. You have until February 22 to buy your brick.

Ricochet is a solution to the residential instability and the social exclusion of young adults, which AJOI is working hard on with extremely limited resources.

Homelessness is the problem most addressed by the beneficiaries of AJOI's services, arising 976 times in the past year alone.

AJOI needs the support of the community to carry out its emergency shelter project. This resource is necessary to preserve the dignity of young people going through difficult challenges in life and wishes to welcome them and give them the necessary tools for a better start in life.

The 2020 Poker Tournament/Casino Night will take place Saturday February 22, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Sarto-Desnoyers Community Center in Dorval.

For $20, you will have access to the Casino Night, in addition to receiving 10,000 chips for playing blackjack and roulette. On site, you can get more chips for an unforgettable evening of games. For $60 you can participate in the Poker Tournament, access the Casino Evening *and* be entitled to a meal provided by our partner Moe's Bar & Grill Pointe-Claire.

You can buy tickets by going to the Facebook Event page Tournoi de Poker / Soirée Casino

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Two events allow young job seekers to find nearby summer employment

The Table de concertation pour l'Emploi de Vaudreuil-Soulanges partners invite young job seekers to meet employers from the Municipalité régionale de comté Vaudreuil-Soulanges (MRC-VS) Wednesdays, February 12 and 19, during the 'Deux Journées emplois étudiants et saisonniers.'

New this year, the organization of the two events, held one week apart, will allow organizers to support employers in the region who are experiencing growing labor needs, while giving young visitors access to a range of possibilities for student and seasonal jobs nearby.

"The Gouvernement du Québec is pleased to be granting financial assistance of $66,320 to the Table de concertation de Vaudreuil-Soulanges for the organization of the Journées emplois étudiants et saisonniers. This assistance aims to develop the recruitment offering in the MRC and provide tools to promote employment integration of young job seekers, a group targeted in my workforce action plan," said Jean Boulet, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity responsible for the Mauricie Region.

"Summer jobs are found during the winter season!" is the theme of the two fairs, intended specially for young job seekers in the geographic areas of Vaudreuil-Soulanges - L'Île-Perrot. They are invited to discover the diversity of jobs and apply on the spot by meeting employers in person. As for employers, these events offer an opportunity to present their business to young, motivated candidates, offer them jobs, establish a first contact and collect their resumes.

The events will also allow students to familiarize themselves with the "Emploi étudiant" section of the Quebec.ca website. This tool gives them access to job search advice, in addition to guiding them to 'Placement en ligne,' a job or internship bank allowing them to acquire work experience useful for their career development.

Young job seekers from Vaudreuil-Soulanges are expected in large numbers at one or both of the Deux Journées emplois étudiants et saisonniers taking place Wednesday February 12, 2 to 8:30 p.m. at the Centre communautaire Wilson, 2 rue Georges-Jules-Beaudet in Coteau-du-Lac, and Wednesday, February 19, 2 to 8:30 p.m. at the Centre Communautaire Paul-Émile-Lépine, 150 boulevard Perrot, L'Île-Perrot.

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Summer job seekers will be heading over to Coteau-du-lac and Île-Perrot in February to meet with dozens of potential employers at the 'Deux Journées emplois étudiants et saisonniers.'

This project is made possible thanks to the participation of the Table de concertation pour l'Emploi de Vaudreuil-Soulanges: Centre local d'emploi de Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Développement Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Collège de Valleyfield, Commission scolaire des Trois-Lacs, Réseau Emploi-Entrepreneurship, SDEMSEMO Montérégie, Umanico, Centre intégré de santé et services sociaux de la Montérégie-Ouest and Passeport Emplois Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

Last year, the event attracted 528 visitors and 44 companies and organizations from the

Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC. For more information, visit www.salonemploivs.com.

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BRIAN GALLAGHER

23 Skidoo!!!

Well here we are, another year older. At least I know I am. Or I feel like I am… How did you spend your holidays beautiful people? I had a cold, not the horrific 'man-cold' but one of those nagging achy things that stubbornly stuck around. It was a weird one though – I got it every day from Christmas Eve until January 2 *and* only in the morning when I got up. I know, right? Hard to explain. But funny enough; stirring an electrolyte packet into a Virgin Caesar while downing two extra-strength Tylenols each morning made it just bearable enough until happy hour. But then mysteriously it re-appeared the next morn. I'm no doctor nor do I play one on TV, but…

So welcome to the roaring 20s! Lord knows what this decade will bring us. The last roaring 20s brought us some real 'berries' (awesome) slang because it really was the first 'cool' era. Remember the Great Gatsby? Here are some of my fave 1920s expressions:

"Don't take any wooden nickels!" which meant "Don't do anything dumb!" or "Don't get the wool pulled over your eyes." This was usually used as a silly 'warning' or bit of folk advice – particularly meant for country folks heading into the big, bad city. (Heard this from my Grandad a lot for some reason)

'Giggle water' which referred to liquor, or an alcoholic beverage (still true today kids!)

'Four-flusher' was someone who mooches off the money of others (learned this one watching Bugs Bunny cartoons – specifically Yosemite Sam and Black Jacques Shellaque)

'I have to go see a man about a dog.' – Although I thought from my Grandad that this meant he had to go to the washroom, now I wonder what he kept in the medicine cabinet since this expression at one time meant you were going to go buy whiskey!

I imagine it might get you into a bit of trouble today if you called a tough guy a 'bimbo' or a good looking doll a 'choice bit of calico'!

So now that you 'know your onions,' save up your 'mazumas' and 'ankle' on out with your 'sheba' to start off the roaring 2020s in style at a show, exhibit, play, or just mosey out to the 'petting pantry' (relax – it's a movie theatre – I had to clarify that one before my benevolent editor has a conniption).

Next Friday, January 24, The Durham County Poets bring their smooth style of blues to the Ste. Anne's Blues Café (24 Maple) in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. and the opening act is Daniel McKell.

And as always keep your peepers peeped on *The Journal* for all the things you need to know to make 2020 the bee's knees - Now you're on the trolley!

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Helping to restock the foodbank

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General Manager Andrew Korol presents a cheque for $600 from Hudson's Auberge Willow Inn to Carol Laws of the LePont Bridging foodbank. The funds were collected by the Willow staff en route during the annual Santa Claus Parade and the Holiday Fair held December 1. Foodbank supplies are low again after the holidays and all donations are gratefully received.

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VILLE DE SAINT-LAZARE
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EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT ADOPTION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES - 2020

Ville de Saint-Lazare's Town Council has adopted the budget estimates for the 2020 fiscal year at a special council meeting held on December 17, 2019. The budget estimates are summarized as follows:

	2019	2020
Revenues		
Operating revenues		
Taxes	$24,671,200	$25,343,856
Payments in lieu of taxes	$368,600	$369,932
Transfers - government subsidies	$453,000	$488,402
Services provided	$943,600	$927,600
Fee assessments	$2,173,500	$2,765,000
Fines and penalties	$110,000	$105,000
Interests	$523,000	$493,300
Other revenues	$9,000	$20,000
	$29,251,900	$30,513,090
Expenses		
General administration	$4,310,000	$4,383,670
Public security	$6,621,700	$7,009,389
Transport	$5,460,400	$6,317,717
Hygiene	$4,775,600	$5,241,800
Health and well-being	$236,200	$253,200
Urban planning and land exploitation	$1,712,600	$1,751,050
Recreation and culture	$4,673,200	$4,770,730
Financing services	$643,800	$593,841
Total expenses (before capital cost allowance)	$28,433,500	$30,321,397
Operating surplus (deficit) for this fiscal year	$818,400	$191,693
Long term debt reimbursement	($1,772,300)	($1,654,097)
Allocations		
Investment activities	($561,300)	($461,500)
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		
Accumulated 2019 surplus	$1,872,000	$2,000,000
Non-allocated surplus	$-	$315,000
Allocated surplus	$50,000	$107,500
Financial reserve and reserve fund	($301,000)	($392,896)
Expenses incurred to tax or provide	($105,800)	($105,700)
	($818,400)	($191,693)
Operating surplus for tax purposes (deficit)	$--	$--

Main tax rates

	2019	2020
General property tax:		
Mill rate residual (base rate per $100 evaluation)	$0,6565	$0,6680
Mill rate registered agricultural operations (E.A.E.) (per $100 evaluation)	$0,5631	$0,5729
Mill rate non-residential buildings (per $100 evaluation)	$1,0354	$1,0573
Special Property Tax - Debt Service ($100 valuation):	$0,0160	$0,0163
Property tax - expansion of la Pinière ($0.0019)		
Property tax - reconstruction of Ste-Élisabeth ($0.0025)		
Property tax - municipal workshops ($0.0061)		
Property tax - Westwood's artificial turf ($0.0013)		
Property tax - bicycle paths ($0.0014)		
Property tax - fire station ($0.0031)		
Water	$210	$225
Residual materials	$165	$165
Waste water treatment	$165	$165
Water treatment plant - optimization	$50	$50

EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT ADOPTION OF THREE-YEAR PROGRAM OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEARS 2020, 2021 AND 2022

The 2020, 2021 and 2022 Three-Year Capital Expenditure Program was adopted by members of Council at the Extraordinary Sitting of December 17, 2019. The said program can be summarized as follows:

VILLE DE SAINT-LAZARE M.R.C. DE VAUDREUIL-SOULANGES PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC	By activity			
Function	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**Total**
General administration and information technology	$85,000	$298,000	$40,000	$423,000
Public security	$4,431,000	$510,000	$959,000	$5,900,000
Transport	$2,511,000	$2,016,000	$5,188,000	$9,715,000
Hygiene	$29,716,000	$-	$ -	$29,716,000
Urban planning and environment	$ -	$50,000	$50,000	$100,000
Parc nature Les-Forestiers-de-Saint-Lazare	$642,000	$189,000	$ -	$831,000
Recreation and culture	$1,449,000	$3,348,000	$10,404,000	$15,201,000
Total	$38,834,000	$6,411,000	$16,641,000	$61,886,000
	By financing method			

	By financing method			
Permanent financing method	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**Total**
Long-term borrowing - All taxpayers	$4,398,000	$4,313,000	$11,169,000	$20,409,000
Long-term borrowing – by sector	$12,521,000	$505,000	$2,113,000	$15,139,000
Contributions and government subsidies	$20,142,000	$ -	$2,132,000	$22,274,000
Administration fund	$454,000	$528,000	$505,000	$1,487,000
Surplus fund and reserves	$1,319,000	$1,065,000	$193,000	$2,577,000
Total	$38,834,000	$6,411,000	$16,641,000	$61,886,000

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Lincoln, an 11-month-old Labradoodle, is turbo-charged and ready for action. He is eager to please but needs guidance and direction with the basics, like walking on leash and greeting people with four paws on the ground. Obedience classes with positive reinforcement would go a long way in helping with this. Lincoln will require lots of exercise and a fenced yard. He was given up because he barked too much, so no apartments or condos. If you're an experienced guardian who understands high-energy breeds and are looking for a loyal companion, fill out the form and ask for Lincoln. For more information on Lincoln or any of the other dogs available for adoption, go to www.animatch.ca.

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Home and Estate Feature

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Impeccably maintained home in the heart of Hudson! Charming Canadiana home nestled among mature trees. Original owners. This home has been meticulously maintained with care and taste. Option to purchase extra piece of land 28,000 sq. ft. for privacy or investment. Beautiful corner lot.

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Featured home

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This gorgeous Hudson home has so much to offer! From the parklike setting on the exterior with pond, putting green and two large decks, to the Intergenerational above the garage, you will fall in love with the workmanship and attention to every detail of this unique home. This stone Canadiana features hardwood floors, great room with two-way fireplace, two oversized patio doors which lead to decks, palladium window and cathedral ceilings. This has the wow factor. Kitchen has been tastefully renovated with centre-island, granite counters, built-ins, heated ceramic floors and separate dinette with fireplace and built-in cabinetry. Very charming.

Upstairs features three good-sized bedrooms, two fully renovated bathrooms, master with en-suite. Intergeneration has its own separate entrance but is also easily conveniently accessible to main area of home if needed. It features exotic wood floors, kitchen with appliances and full bathroom with heated floors.

Peaceful backyard with a natural pond has its very own ecosystem. Walk over the bridge and enjoy your little bit of heaven or, if you are so inclined, practice your putting on your very own putting green.

Back and side yard are very private with cedar hedges. The abundance of room on both your side and back decks are great for family get-togethers. The home office is perfectly located with separate entrance above the garage with cherry floors, bathroom and kitchen. Great for family visiting or a teenager suite. Basement is finished with a good sized playroom, family room, and fourth bedroom and large windows adding lots of light.

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Homemade falafel

C.J. MAXWELL
Special contributor

If you're embracing the concept of 'Veganuary' – trying out a vegan diet for at least one month, this is a recipe that even carnivores will like.

Falafel is a stick-to-your-ribs dish that's low in fat and high in protein. And while there's some preparation involved, the actual cooking time is relatively quick.

The secret is to start with dried chickpeas – don't use canned. Your falafel will come out too mushy.

- 1 lb of dried chickpeas, soaked overnight and drained
- 1 diced medium onion
- ½ cup fresh parsley leaves
- 3 or 4 cloves of minced garlic
- 3 tbsp flour
- 2 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- ¼ tsp cayenne or chili
- 2 tsp baking powder (optional)
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander

In a large food processor, pulse all ingredients. If your processor is smaller, divide ingredients and pulse in two batches. Don't overdo it – you don't want it too mushy. Aim for a texture similar to couscous.

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Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour.

When chilled, roll mixture into golf-ball size shape. Be firm but don't compact the falafel too tightly.

Using a heavy pan or deep fryer, heat vegetable oil to 375° F.

Fry until golden brown, flipping to ensure even browning on all sides, around five minutes total cooking.

Serve with your choice of garnishes including lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, cilantro, tahini sauce, hummus, etc.

You can also bake the falafel if you prefer in a 375° F oven – flatten them down slightly for even browning and crispiness on both sides.

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Home and Estate

The weekend Gardner

Gardening in the bleak midwinter

Terry O'Shaughnessy
Special contributor

Though taken down now, I had a very garden-oriented Christmas tree this year. Maybe all gardeners are like this, but my tree was full of birds, painted floral things, and old-fashioned 'fruit' decorations (I have a dozen amazingly realistic strawberries that I hang amid the glitter). Mind you, my Christmas tree always carries a lot of summer on its branches. It just feels necessary during those dark days of December.

But now that the days are getting longer (post Solstice), and we are at last in the same year as the coming spring, we can at least mentally putter around our garden again and start to plan.

When you look at what the gardening gurus are predicting for 2020, the trends are intriguing.

First, there is a most interesting new word for us: re-wilding.

Part of the enormous trend toward sustainability, the goal of a vast, beautifully manicured greener-than-green lawn is now old-fashioned, retro and just plain yuck. Instead we are urged to consider letting corners of our garden grow the way it wants to. Re-wilding our garden spaces means to allow bushes and shrubs to be their own shape and permits a weed or two. Let some grass go to seed in the corner and we will be totally on-trend. Think wildflowers in a meadow and you have the picture.

Second, consider acquiring plants with dark foliage this year. Red, purple, or even almost-black leaves will be very in. I have no reasons to offer that substantiate this apparent trend – I simply read it in all the articles. But who doesn't like one of those delicious purple basil species, for example.

Third, there is strong trending toward having more edible things in the garden – and they don't mean for your deer, rabbits, or squirrels. The gurus are talking about planting people food amongst the blooms: carrots in the chrysanthemums, radishes among the roses. Fruit trees in the middle of daisy patches and salad and salvia, side-by-side. Even better would be double agent flowers that fulfill both these tasks – like nasturtiums which are not only beautiful flowers but are eatable (especially with some soft goat cheese in the middle of the floweret, tossed into a green salad).

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In the bleak midwinter, we plan for spring.

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A growing taste for our own herbs is fueling 2020 garden trends.

Fourth, herbs are big big big for 2020 and perfect for container gardening if you only have a small patch of land or a patio. My Christmas turkey was dressed this year in herbs I grew myself on my balcony, and then dried. I had savory, thyme and rosemary mostly, with some oregano and basil thrown in for good measure.

Other 2020 trends include the current mania for houseplants lead by Millennials which has created its own further trend – the flourishing market for succulents of all kinds. Now in addition to plants like hen-and-chicks, gardeners are looking for lesser known species that offer interesting shapes, textures and growth habits.

As far as floral bouquets go, the big trend for 2020 is for fewer flowers and more foliage. No longer all about blooms, the soft organic feel of greenery is increasingly sought after by decorators and gardeners alike.

And the big colour for 2020? It's purple, maybe with a little burgundy on the side. Or soft neutrals, all together, like eight shades of white growing in one garden, for example…or pastel variations of a single hue.

As for me, re-wilding and growing food among the flowers is where I'll direct my mental garden puttering during these bleak midwinter days of January. I'll take my cue from my Christmas tree with its strawberries, birds and flower decorations, and simply continue to do that mix-and-match thing.

All fashionable gardeners will be doing it this year, after all.

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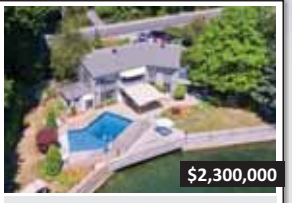

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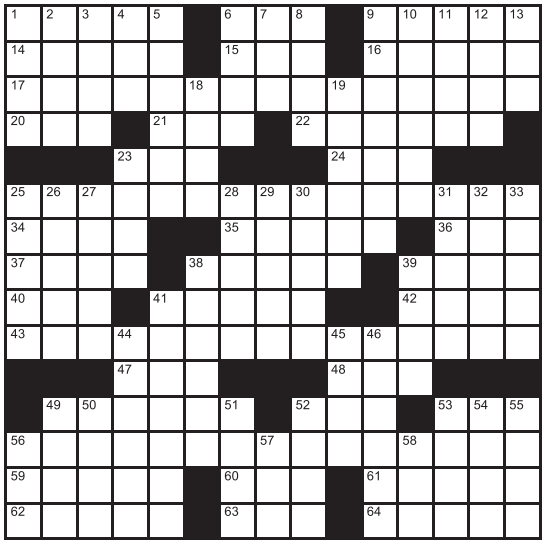

Across

1. Television correspondent Morley
6. Australian runner
9. Our "mother"
14. Jungle climber
15. Carbonium, e.g.
16. Gawk
17. In the works
20. Morgue, for one
21. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
22. Present
23. ___ Today
24. Floral necklace
25. Carouse
34. "___ it the truth!"
35. Assumed name
36. "I" problem
37. Somewhat, to Salieri
38. Pasture
39. Gossip
40. ___ grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine, and herbs, and served cold)
41. ___ de leche
42. Arch type
43. Trumpet, trombone, flute, e.g
47. Anomalous
48. Crag
49. Substantial size
52. Blue
53. Buddy
56. Not extreme
59. Catlike
60. Romanian coin
61. Military cap
62. Contents of some cartridges
63. Boy toy?
64. Schlepper

Down

1. Aspersion
2. Hokkaido native
3. Grow dim
4. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
5. Least cooked
6. Cork's place
7. Guernsey utterence
8. Annul
9. Abstains
10. Come by
11. Drops from the sky
12. Put one's foot down?
13. Chick's mom
18. Duff
19. Dump
23. "Do ___ others as..."
25. Grandpa, to some
26. Garlicky mayonnaise
27. Former empire
28. Calls a cab
29. Bumper sticker word
30. Mason, at times
31. Despot's duration
32. "Snowy" bird
33. Shows excessive fondness
38. Touch tenderly
39. Live wire, so to speak
41. Swindler (informal)
44. Daydream drawing
45. Its motto is "Industry"
46. Fair to middling
49. Garbage in, garbage out, for short
50. Father of Balder
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Our **Photo of the Week** contest culminates every December with our ***'Photo of the Year'*** winner chosen by one of our sponsors. This year, there are more chances to win! The top prize will be $200, second place will be $100 and third place $50 for photos taken by our readers. Have your cameras and phones ready to capture flora, fauna, artistry, and architecture. Every photo printed in the paper has a chance at winning the top prize! Send your entries to editor@yourlocaljournal.ca.

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THINGS TO SEE AND DO

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HUDSON

Call to Artists and Artisans – The Hudson & Region Studio Tour Association is welcoming regional artists and artisans to apply for the 2020 studio tour which will be held the last two weekends of September, 2020. Deadline for entry is February 1. Online applications are available through our website at hudsonstudiotour.com, or to have an application emailed to you please contact Jen Baumeister at (450) 458-4849 or send inquiries to hudsonstudiotour@googlegroups.com.

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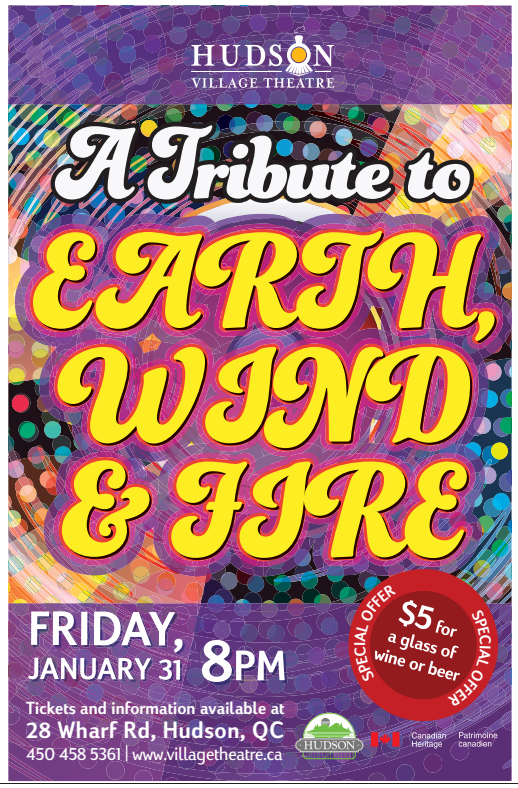

PIERREFONDS

A **dog microchip clinic** is taking place Saturday, January 25 at Pierrefonds Animal Hospital, 15723 Pierrefonds Blvd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $30 cash. This event is organized by Rosie Animal Adoption.

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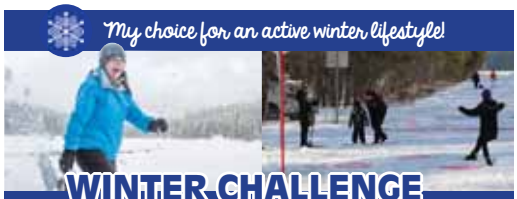

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In Memoriam

Wolf Dietrich Nebelung

1936 - 2019

Wolf Dietrich Nebelung of Hudson QC, passed away on December 21, 2019 in Rigaud, QC after a two decade battle with Parkinson's disease.

Dieter was born on January 29, 1936 in Munich, Germany to Rudolph and Sophia Nebelung (née Schoedler). In 1957, aged 21, he received his German Master of Photography degree, the youngest recipient at the time. In 1958, he emigrated to Canada and worked as a portrait and commercial photographer. In 1975, he joined the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal where he spent 17 years. His work received numerous awards, including being named Photographer of the Year (Quebec) four times.

Dieter was long an avid outdoor sportsman, enjoying hiking, mountain climbing, cycling, tennis, Scouting and, in particular, downhill skiing. He became a ski instructor and taught at Jay Peak, Vermont for over 40 years. It is there that he met Helen Kennedy of Grenville, QC, who later became his wife on April 17, 1965 in Brownsburg, QC.

He is survived by his wife Helen, and his son Mark, his daughter-in-law Chantal and two grandsons Eric and Patrick. Family and friends are invited to the funeral service on February 1, 2020 at 11 am at the Wyman Memorial United Church at 513 Rue Main in Hudson QC. The family requests that in lieu of flowers or other commemorations, that a donation instead be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation https://tribute.michaeljfox.org/tribute-page.php?id=1363.

For further questions, please call Aubry & Fils Funeral at 1-450-458-7381.

In Memoriam

Noëlla Crevier

1926 - 2020

Le dimanche 5 janvier 2020, à l'âge de 93 ans, est décédée madame Noëlla Crevier, de Hudson, conjointe de feu Laurier Tisso. Elle laisse dans le deuil sa soeur Laurette, son beau-frère, sa belle-sœur, ses neveux et nièces, ainsi que tous ses cousins et cousines.

La famille accueillera parents et amis, en présence des cendres, le samedi 18 janvier 2020, à 13h, en l'église Saint-Thomas d'Aquin de Hudson, suivi du service religieux qui sera célébré à 14h. L'inhumation aura lieu à une date ultérieure.

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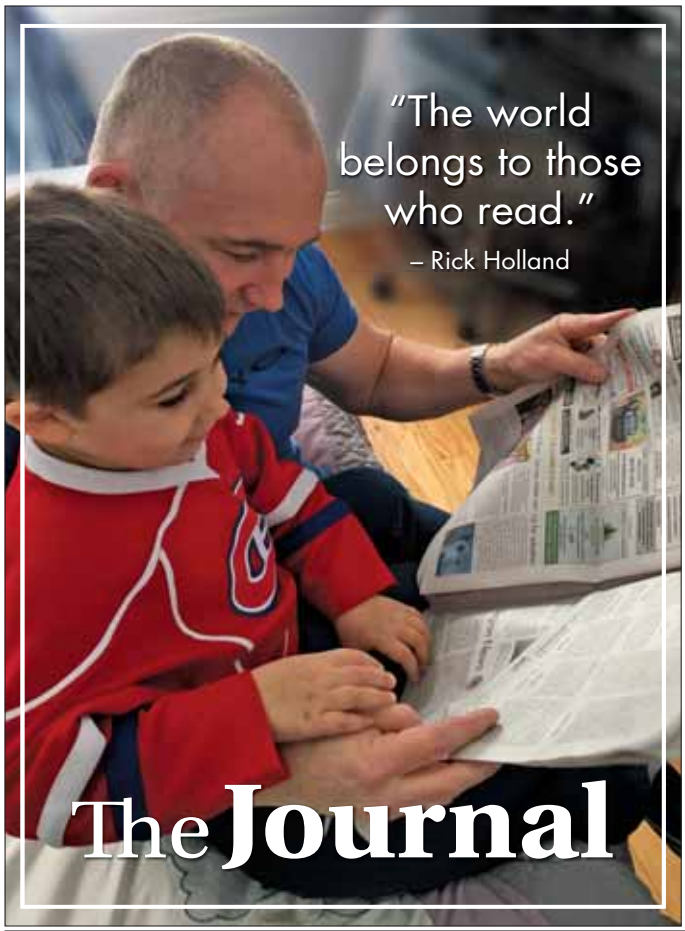

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