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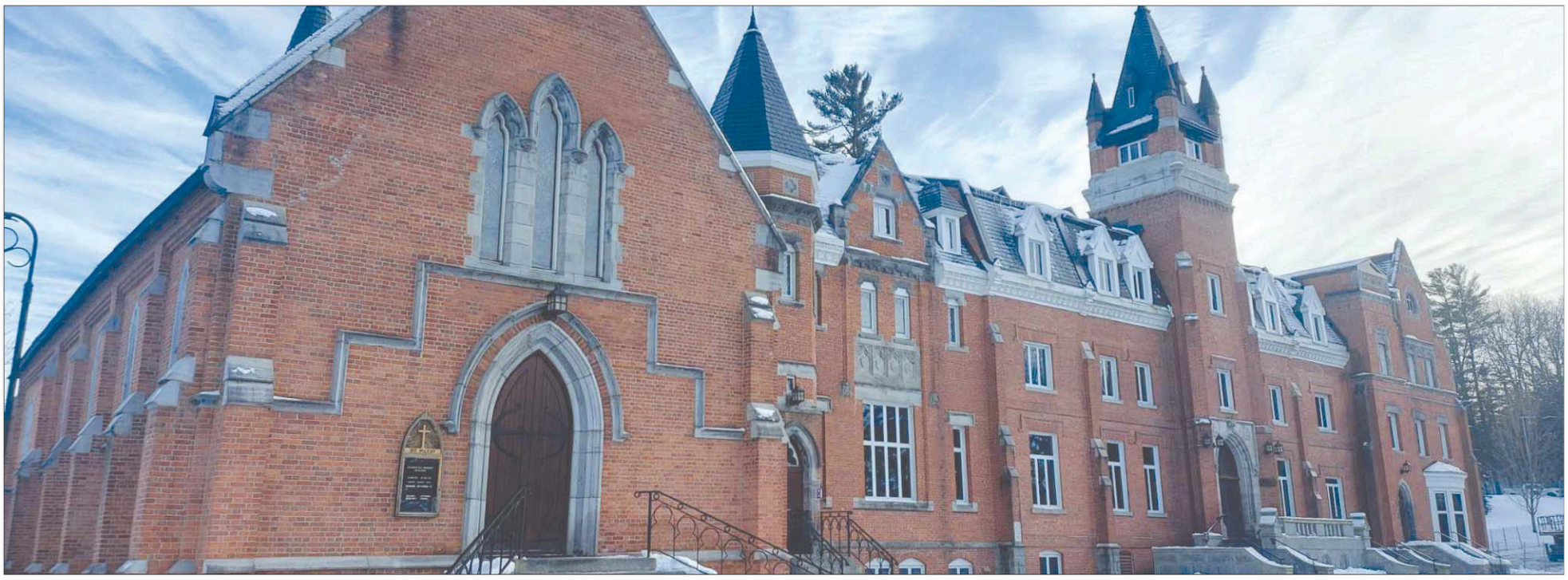
Bishop's exempt – with caveats

Minister stands firm on language proficiency measures, lessens tuition hikes, for English universities



WILLIAM CROOKS

Minister of Higher Education Pascale Déry has released a letter to the heads of the three English universities in Quebec detailing the new tuition and francization measures that will be put in place. Tuition will rise by 30 per cent for out-of-province students, to around $12,000 per year, and 80 per cent of the student body at each university will need to show a "level 5 – oral" proficiency in the French language before graduation. Bishop's, because of its special circumstances, has been made mostly exempt from the measures.

By William Crooks
Local Journalism Initiative

In a move by the Quebec government with the stated aim of bolstering the French language within the province, Minister of Higher Education Pascale Déry issued a directive concerning French language proficiency and tuition rates to the principals of Quebec's three English universities. The minister's communication, dated Dec. 14, outlined the government's unwavering stance on improving French language proficiency among students and tuition increases, specifically addressing measures from which Bishop's University (BU) will be partially exempt.

Déry's letter

Minister Déry's letter emphasized the urgency of reversing the decline of

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The Last Mapmaker

Good Reads

Lennoxville Library

Reviewed by Laurel Picard

Maps have fascinated me for as long as I can remember. As a very young child, armed with a North American road atlas, an intuitive understanding of cardinal directions, and childlike self-confidence, I was the ultimate back-seat driver. While on vacations in New England, I'd accurately tell my mom "You know, this street goes the same direction as Queen Street in Lennoxville." When I hold a map, I feel empowered, because there is a whole world out there to see, and I won't see most of it following turn-by-turn GPS instructions. The trick is, that I do need a map.

As a reader and an educator, I also often need some kind of map to find my next reads. I can so easily get stuck in a rut, reading what feels safe or familiar, rather than exploring off the beaten path. And so, I turn to booklists, bloggers, and reviews to point the way to a good read! As an educator, the middle-grade category is always worth looking at, but as a reader, I will readily admit to finding the characters in this category more compelling, and relatable than most "adult characters" in "adult books". (Anne Shirley, anyone?) When *The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat, a Newbery Honor book, showed up on the middle-grade booklists of a few different bloggers I follow, I was intrigued. The title caught my cartophile attention and drew me in.

When I picked up *The Last Mapmaker* I had the familiar tension I feel when starting a journey, the same tension I often experience when I turn the first pages. Would this be a fantasy adventure to remember? One chapter in and I was hooked, knowing that this would be worth the trip and that twelve-year-old Sai would be a worthy travel companion.

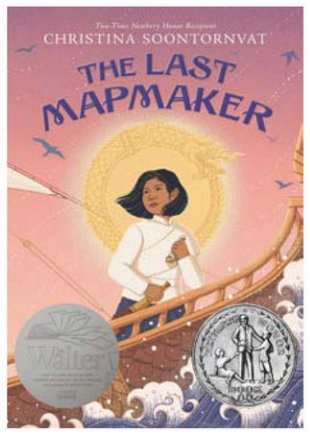
Sai is trying to find a way out of the cycle of poverty. Her father is a conman and has raised Sai to be a forger, but she wants more. Yet, in her country of Mangkon the motto "the tail is the teeth" rules lives, the social structure, work, and opportunities, and it means that you end where you began. Sai is determined to change her lot.

Thanks to her skill with ink and pen–and a bit of boldness–she manages to get an assistant position with Master Mapmaker, Paiyoon. Paiyoon is a veteran of the decades-long wars waged by Mangkon, and the maker of the official maps showing the lands claimed and conquered. With the end of the wars, the Queen is sending out expedition teams to find the lost continent of the Sunderlands. Paiyoon is being sent on one of the ships, and Sai jumps at the opportunity to join him.

As the journey begins, street-wise Sai is finding her place aboard the ship. Paiyoon is a caring and dedicated teacher. As he teaches Sai the tools of charting, measuring, and drawing she becomes a confident mapmaker. Paiyoon's wartime experiences, though, have left him concerned about what will happen to the Sunderlands if they find and claim the lost continent. But Sai is young and susceptible to the influences of others, who like her, are on the journey to change their fate. She is faced with big decisions that will affect her life, and the lives of those around her, without benefit of a map to guide her.

For my part, I appreciated the relationships of Sai with her father, and with Paiyoon as her mentor. There is a depth of development and introspection in Sai that we hope to find in middle-grade books. And experiencing her understanding and reconciliations with these figures is a high point of the book.

Of course, as an educator, I don't just want to enjoy a book myself, but want to share it with my kids. Any book that draws me in with a well-crafted story usually appeals to them too, and *The Last Mapmaker* did not disappoint. We delved into some pretty good discussions on themes of classism, environmental degradation, and colonization after reading the story. All-in-all, *The Last Mapmaker* gives a modern twist to high-seas adventure fantasy. I'd suggest pairing it with classics like C.S. Lewis's *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* or Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*.



My son shares my appreciation of maps, and one day, shortly after finishing *The Last Mapmaker*, I found him at the table drawing a map of his imaginary world. He looked up at me and said, "I wonder if I'll be a mapmaker when I grow up?" I wonder what he'll be too, since each story brings new possibilities to our imaginations. In the meantime, I'll keep looking at those middle-grade booklists to find more stories that will inspire and entertain!

The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat is available at the Lennoxville Library.

Laurel Picard has deep roots in the Townships and has recently returned to make the area home. She is an avid reader and a home-educator. Curling up on the couch with her kids and a stack of books is how she best likes to spend a day.

Lennoxville Library News

Interlibrary loan services

Did you know that a Lennoxville library membership gives you access to over 300,000 books in English for adults and children?

In addition to the over 15,000 English language books on site at the library, library users can order books from collections across the province, including from the BANQ (Bibliothèque et archives nationales). Once received, they can borrow them as they would any other library book.

Library membership is free for all Sherbrooke residents, and only $30 per year for non-residents.

Holiday Closings

The library will be open as normal between Christmas and New Year's except for Tuesday, December 26th, and Tuesday January 2nd when it will be closed.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

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Local News | *While the international student measures proposed by the government would cause a $1.8 million shortfall in BU's finances, Lebel-Grenier assured the money would be made for in other ways.*

Bishop's

French in Quebec, especially in Montreal. It underscored the government's objectives to correct the financial imbalance between the anglophone and francophone educational networks and to promote the integration of Canadian and international students into Quebec society.

While the minister recognized the efforts of universities to support the French-language initiative, she noted that the current proposals do not fully meet the government's ambitious targets. She outlined that, from the 2024-2025 academic year, universities should begin enhancing French-language skills and amending their linguistic policies. By the 2025-2026 academic year, the expectation is that 80 per cent of new non-Quebec enrollees will reach level 5 oral proficiency in French by the end of their undergraduate studies.

The letter outlined the proposed tuition changes as follows:

"The pricing applicable to Canadian non-residents of Quebec (CNRQ) will rather [instead of doubling] be increased to a minimum of $12,000 ($2,881 base amount + $9,119 flat rate + discretionary additional amount + annual indexations). Furthermore, the government of Quebec believes it is essential to rebalance the revenues coming from international students in order to allow francophone universities to continue their growth and to maintain the highest standards of excellence. Thus, the new pricing will come into effect as announced from the academic year 2024-2025."

In a move that acknowledges the unique demographic and linguistic landscape of the Estrie region, distinct from the greater Montreal area, BU has been granted a specific exemption. The university will continue to welcome a fixed number of CNRQ students at the current tuition rate, with a total of 825 tariff exclusions in the long term. However, BU will still be expected to strive towards the 80 per cent French proficiency target, albeit without financing being contingent on reaching this target.

BU Principal's reaction

BU Principal Sébastien Lebel-Grenier acknowledged and transmitted the details of Déry's letter over an email addressed to local community leaders. The following is a summary of his reaction to the proposed francization measures:

BU acknowledges the Quebec government's directive to enhance French-language proficiency among non-Quebec students but views the target level 5 proficiency for 80 per cent of its undergraduate students as unrealistic. Despite this, the university is committed to moving forward with its francization plan, which is driven by its recognition of the role it plays within the Quebec community, rather than compliance with external mandates.

Under the new policy, BU students will not be required to achieve a specific French proficiency level. Instead, the university's plan will provide all students with improved and effective French-language training and comprehensive insights into Quebec culture and society. This initiative aims to enrich the educational experience at Bishop's and bolster French fluency and cultural understanding among its non-Quebec resident students.

The recent announcement by the Quebec government is pivotal for BU, ensuring its financial stability and enabling it to continue attracting a significant number of students from other Canadian regions. While BU has concerns about the potential negative impacts of the policy on Quebec and other universities like Concordia and McGill, it appreciates the Quebec government's consideration of its unique situation.

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He concluded the email by thanking community leaders for their "inspirational support".

In a Dec. 14 interview, Lebel-Grenier added further commentary, lending detail to the bigger picture of BU's current and future situation in light of Déry's announcement.

Though it varies from year to year, BU currently has around 800 out-of-province students, Lebel-Grenier noted, so the cap for non-tariffed students set at 825 "is a number we can work with". He emphasized the cap does not affect BU's ability to reach 3,000 students, as he had stated was their aim in a previous interview. They wish to keep the mix of their student body just under 30 per cent out-of-province Canadian, just under 15 per cent international, and the rest francophone and anglophone Quebecer.

While the international student measures proposed by the government would cause a $1.8 million shortfall in BU's finances, Lebel-Grenier assured the money would be made for in other ways. Historically, he pointed out, BU has not had fair access to funding for small and regional universities. Déry has promised to make sure that access becomes equal, he said, which should compensate.

The francization level required, level 5 oral, is the first level of "intermediate French" according to the government's system of classification. Someone who attains this level can function in Quebec's society in "day-to-day" life, he explained. He reiterated that though BU is being held to that standard, no financial penalties will be imposed if BU fails to reach it. He has been explicit with the minister that the 80 per cent goal is unrealistic, but they will strive to do their best by increasing French-language courses, courses on Quebec society and culture, real-life experiential learning, and French cultural trips. He noted that they have a French-language immersion floor in one of their residences.

Lebel-Grenier expressed that he is still very concerned with the impact these measures will have on the McGill and Concordia universities. He has been working closely with them, and they understand the particular challenges BU was facing. "There is no ill will between our institutions." They will all continue to collaborate to navigate these measures. Regardless of BU's partial exemption, Lebel-Grenier emphasized his deep disagreement with the measures in general and their feasibility. "This is not a positive policy for Quebec." He acknowledges the government has listened to the universities and it is ultimately the government's decision as to what policy is put in place.

"Damage has [already] been done," Lebel-Grenier admitted. Some out-of-province students may have already made alternative plans in response to the instability of the last few months. They hope they can recoup any losses in recruitment they may have suffered, and they are doing everything they can to minimize next year's resultant budgetary impact.

Quebec Community Groups Network's (QCGN) reaction

Sylvia Martin-Laforge, QCGN's Director General, deplored Déry's announcement, reiterating her organization's view that the measures will "starve Quebec's [English] universities out of existence". As proposed, the measures will "bring ruin" to McGill and Concordia, and Montreal's economy will suffer.

She acknowledged that the Sherbrooke community was listened to, but she is unsure if BU's exemption is enough. She noted that "everyone" is saying the francization requirements are nearly impossible to attain and will serve as a sort of "sword of Damocles"-yet another unneeded barrier that will have negative effects.

She disputes that the French language is in decline in the way the government is portraying it and insists the increase in tuitions will attract a different kind of student, ones for whom "money is no object". She asked, rhetorically, if these measures were promoting the values of inclusiveness and equity. "This is all part of engineering Quebec as more French," she said, noting tuition was being reduced for French-language students from France, Belgium, and Switzerland.

She lauded the Sherbrooke community's support of BU, but the damage has already been done in terms of loss of recruitment. "It is a period of instability that [the institutions] don't need."

Saint Francois MNA's reaction

Saint Francois MNA Geneviève Hébert, in response to a request for comment, sent the following over email to the Record:

"I am delighted with our government's announcement this morning. The three anglophone universities have recognized the urgency of acting for the French language in Quebec and have expressed their willingness to further francize their students. However, the situation in the Eastern Townships is not the same as in Montreal. Here, the anglophone and francophone communities have developed a harmonious coexistence over time. The uniqueness of Bishop's University as the only small-sized anglophone establishment in the region has been taken into account, and this is excellent news, not only for the Eastern Townships but for all of Quebec! I will continue to be present to defend the people and institutions of my constituency."

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Open to the Spirit

"Advent candles"

By Mead Baldwin

HOPE

There's a verse in the Christmas Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem", that goes like this: "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight". Hopes and fears linked in the story of the birth of a child. It seems strange at first but deeply true on reflection. All of our most profound human experiences have within them the capacity for both hope and fear.

As we prepare to begin the season Advent, however, I assert that this is a time to proclaim hope; the hope of a better world, the hope of peace, the hope of love and compassion in a world that can often be dark and dangerous.

I have always been the naive optimist, the one who annoyingly points out the bright side of any difficult situation. I do understand how life for many people is a succession of fears; fear of germs, fear of embarrassment, fear of failure, fear of public speaking . As we prepare to begin the season Advent, however, I assert that this is a time to proclaim hope; the hope of a better world, the hope of peace, the hope of love and compassion in a world that can often be dark and dangerous.

In the Greek myth of Pandora, her box is opened and all the troubles of the world are unleashed. There is one thing left in the bottom of the box, the gift of hope.

It is a deep abiding belief that in spite of all the problems our world faces, all the terrorism, sickness, and poverty, there is a brighter day coming.

Two weeks ago we lit the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope. This is not an airy fairy feeling that flies in the face of reason. It is not some wish that comes from a shooting star or finding a four leaf clover. It is a deep abiding belief that in spite of all the problems our world faces, all the terrorism, sickness, and poverty, there is a brighter day coming. It is also a pledge to work passionately to bring that hope to birth each day in some concrete way. In the words of another hymn: "Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright".

I realize now that deep peace does not come when we gloss over our problems, or bury harsh realities, like injustice, inequality, poverty or intolerance.

PEACE

I always find it odd that on the second Sunday of Advent, when we light the candle of peace, we encounter in Scripture the stern face of John the Baptist. He was the prophet who supposedly wore a coat of camel's hair, ate locusts and wild honey, and screamed REPENT at anyone within earshot. A satiric comedian could not create a stranger messenger of peace. He was not soft or sedate or soothing.

Perhaps wisdom comes with experience. I used to run from any conflict, and try to avoid any issues by burying my own hopes and dreams and trying to please other people. This only led to more anxiety, and often worse conflict. I realize now that deep peace does not come when we gloss over our problems, or bury harsh realities, like injustice, inequality, poverty or intolerance. Only when we speak the truth, as John the Baptist did, and confront the painful realities of our world will there be any true peace.

Repent, the message he preached, means to turn around and walk in a different direction. Peace comes when we change the way we live and support justice and equality for all people everywhere. It would be nice if peace could come without struggle or confrontation. It would be soothing to bury our heads in the sand and wish our problems away. The candle of peace is not a call to think happy thoughts. It is a call to turn around and walk the long and and difficult path of justice that leads to a better world.

JOY

"Surprised by Joy" was the name of a book by C.S. Lewis, one of my favourite authors. He wrote the Narnia series of children's books, poetry, and essays on Christianity. The title refers to his slow conversion to a belief in God and the discovery that he had found faith. He describes the moment when he is sitting in a pew at the rear of a church and a deep sense of joy fills him. It was the surprising, wonderful recognition that God is real and he is not alone in the world.

My friends would describe me as a joyful person. I like to play games, write plays, and take part in any sport going. I try to fill my life with adventures and fun. Life has not always been this way for me. I spent many years in a difficult relationship and have, as Robert Frost the poet would say, been acquainted with the night. Joy was elusive in those days.

I moved back home to the Townships over 13 years ago and have felt at home and content. I have the best vocation and great friends. The road which brought me to this present moment. However, has not been easy. Our church creed says "We are not alone, we live in God's world. In life, in death, in life beyond death we are not alone. Thanks be to God!" Perhaps a children's song puts it better. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.

In some profound way, like C.S. Lewis, I have been surprised by joy. I wish the same for all of our readers this special season.

LOVE

I love chocolate chip cookies. Didn't you love last week's episode of "The Big Bang Theory". I love shopping at Future Shop. My little sister loves Disney movies. We seem to use that word for the most trivial things. Love is perhaps the most overused word in the English language.

There is a profound verse of the first letter of John in the New Testament, "God is love". God is that warm wonderful experience of being cherished, cared for, and honoured.

When I was studying Greek, I found it interesting to discover that there are four different Greek words that are all translated as love. Storge means affection, especially of parents to children. Philia means friendship. Eros means erotic or physical love, the sense of "being in love". Agape is a deep compassion for humanity, often translated charity. Each word captures a portion of the meaning of love.

There is a profound verse of the first letter of John in the New Testament, "God is love". God is that warm wonderful experience of being cherished, cared for, and honoured. The author went on to remark that no one has ever seen God, but when we love each other God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

The final candle we light in Advent is the candle of love. My wish for you, our readers, in this last week before Christmas, is that each of you may feel loved, and may share that feeling with those around you. Then God, who is love, will be experienced by all.

Today we have 4 words and one writer. What words do you think of on your path to Christmas?

Mead Baldwin pastors the Waterville and North Hatley Pastoral Charge

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CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN 2023

At this time of the year, it is always heartening to see the unwavering support of our local community towards the AGRHS Christmas Basket campaign. Since 1999, the numerous donations have help us bring the Christmas spirit to less fortunate families in the Alexander Galt Regional High School sector.

Such initiatives play a crucial role in making a difference in the lives of those who need it the most. I truly believe that the community's generosity will make this campaign a success once again.

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Sherbrooke City Council adopts 2024 operating budget amidst economic challenges

Record Staff

The Sherbrooke City Council has approved its 2024 operating budget, which amounts to $421.2 million, marking an increase of $21.1 million from the previous year.

According to a press release, despite the challenging economic context characterized by inflation and interest rates, the City has prioritized maintaining services for the population and continues to focus on its key priorities: community development, housing, and new mobility solutions. Additionally, the City ensures its resilience by maintaining sound financial management. This includes increasing cash-paid capital assets, continuing contributions to the stabilization fund for unforeseen circumstances, and creating a fund to repay debt service in the coming years.

Revenue highlights

- The 2024 revenues are set at $421.2 million, up from $400.1 million in 2023.

- Municipal tax bills will see a 3.13% increase for an average single-family home, below the inflation threshold of 5.15 per cent.

- The tax impact for an average single-family home (valued at $259,697) in 2024 is an increase of $95.

- To contain the tax increase, the City is diversifying its revenue sources, including:

- $0.3 million from increasing parking meter rates from $1.50/hr to $2/hr.

- $0.1 million by ending free downtown parking during the 2024 holiday season.

- $0.3 million from fines and penalties (increasing from $49 to $59).

- $0.2 million from access rights to real estate data.

- $0.9 million from a new $80 annual pool tax.

- $0.4 million from a tax on impermeable surfaces of industrial buildings, targeting surfaces like paving, gravel, and concrete.

Expenditure overview

- Expenditures are categorized into various segments, including $72 million for public safety, $78 million for infrastructure financing, $57 million for recreation, and $41 million for roads and buildings.

- A total of $6.6 million is required for adjustments in employee compensation and employer contributions.

- Inflation adjustments for goods and services, such as snow removal, street cleaning ($1.2 million), equipment maintenance, fuel ($1 million), waste collection, and treatment ($0.5 million), totaling $6.6 million.

Strategic priorities

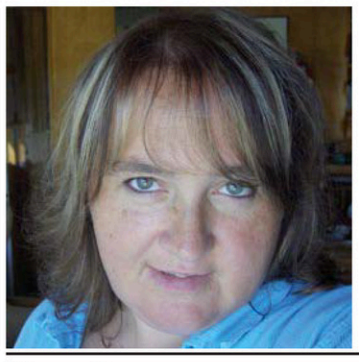
- Housing development: The City is contributing to rental assistance and financing initiatives to increase housing units by 200 per year.

- Alternative mobility solutions: Initiatives include subsidies for electric bicycle purchases, winter viability projects for cycling paths, bike-sharing programs, and the pedestrianization of North Wellington Street.

- Community development: Efforts focus on protecting natural environments, improving citizen communication, financial assistance in sports, community festivals, cultural support, and airport backing.

- Resilient city development: Priorities include electrical network reliability, waste management, workforce attraction and retention, and risk management.

Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre(CABMN) celebrates International Volunteer Day in Potton



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

On Tuesday, Dec. 5 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Potton celebrated International Volunteer Day with a wine and cheese party held at the CABMN Feather in the Wind Senior Centre from 7 to 9 p.m.

The International Volunteer Day is held each year on December 5th. Mandated by the UN General Assembly, it is viewed as a unique opportunity for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities. Apart from mobilising thousands of volunteers every year, the United Nations Volunteers program contributes to peace and development by advocating for the recognition of volunteers and working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming.

The CABMN coordinates an impressive bank of over 240 volunteers from five or more municipalities including: Potton, Bolton-Est, Sainte-Etienne-de-Bolton, Eastman, Stukely-Sud and more... Close to 70 volunteers attended the event on December 5th. This year entertainment was brought back to the event with "Double or Nothing" a duo featuring Kylie Cote and Mike Patrick. Musical ditties including the songs of Shania Twain, Johnny Cash, Bryan Adams and more were enjoyed by the enthusiastic crowd that, at events end requested a dance floor be incorporated next year!

The Annual Karen Muzerall Memorial Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Barbara Taylor for her devotion for her efforts in the settling of the Malikova family who moved to Potton a few months ago from the Ukraine. Taylor has been instrumental in all aspects of fulfilling the needs of the family and her tireless efforts were applauded by all. The Partage/Share Food Bank took the opportunity to thank longtime committee member, June Peacock for her contribution to the efforts to bring emergency food and Christmas baskets to needy families. The committee presented June with flowers and a big thank you as June steps down handing the Chairperson position to Julia Eldridge. CABMN Youth Centre Coordinator, Ethan Ball honored three volunteers who give so generously of their time to the Youth Centre where programs for the youth and persons with intellectual and physical disabilities are held. Hilary Head was recognized for her weekly support to the CIUSSSE/CHUS Day Centre where

Hilary helps the clients to create a newsletter to take home to parents. Beatrice Baass was recognized for her volunteering to provide weekly French lessons for Ukrainian residents now living in Potton and others and finally, Joan Westland-Eby for her efforts in helping to organize a pen pal project between the youth of Potton and children in Columbia.

CABMN Volunteers Danielle Melanson, Lucie Maurer and Monique Hebert were all smiles at the Dec. 5 event

Refreshments included cheese from Abbaye Saint-Benoit, coldcuts, fruit, crackers, baguettes...as well as wine and an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages. Door Prizes consisted of three beautiful baskets with items donated by local businesses. Winners included: Carmen Aubin, Bob Chakra and Murielle Parkes (all CABMN volunteers).

If you would like to become a CABMN volunteer, please contact Debra Harding (Volunteer Coordinator) at d.harding@cabmn.org or call the CABMN main office at 450-292-3114 extension 109.

The CABMN extends its gratitude to all who volunteer and give of their time and talents. In the case of the CABMN it is the volunteers who make so many activities and projects possible. THANK YOU!

ETHAN BALL

Barbara Taylor-Volunteer of the Year

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Editorial

Interference is used to describe intentional and unfair constraints on scientists that restrict their ability to conduct and communicate their work.

Canadian scientists are still being muzzled, and that risks undermining climate policy

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Environmental scientists in Canada continue to be stifled in their ability to conduct and communicate their research. Interference in science, also referred to as "muzzling," was a well-documented concern during the Conservative government of the early 2010's, when it gripped the collective consciousness of Canadian federal public sector scientists. Our research sheds light on a broader understanding of the recent interference in environmental sciences in Canada.

Interference is used to describe intentional and unfair constraints on scientists that restrict their ability to conduct and communicate their work. Examples of interference include restrictions on ability to communicate work to the public or colleagues (muzzling), workplace harassment, and undue modifications made to findings that alter the data or its interpretation.

Interference has serious consequences. It causes issues with researchers' mental health and career satisfaction as well as limits the ability of taxpayer-funded research to be shared with the public.

Even more seriously, interference can lead to downplaying environmental risks or a lack of good information to support decision-making and policies about resource extraction and the environment.

Study shows interference is ongoing in Canada

We recently surveyed 741 environmental researchers across Canada in two separate studies into interference. We circulated our survey through scientific societies related to environmental fields, as well as directly emailing Canadian authors of peer-reviewed research in environmental disciplines.

Researchers were asked (1) if they believed they had experienced interference in their work, (2) the sources and types of this interference, and (3) the subsequent effects on their career satisfaction and well-being.

We also asked demographic information to understand whether researchers' perceptions of interference differed by career stage, research area or identity.

Although overall ability to communicate is improving, interference is a pervasive issue in Canada, including from government, private industry and academia. We found 92 per cent of the environmental researchers reported having experienced interference with their ability to communicate or conduct their research in some form.

Interference also manifested in different ways and already-marginalized researchers experienced worse outcomes.

History of interference in Canada

Under the Conservative government of Stephen Harper, first-hand reports of muzzling by federal government scientists were common. These frustrations eventually boiled over in 2013 when hundreds of scientists took to the streets in lab coats to protest the "war on science."

These claims were later backed in a survey by the Professional Institute of the Public Service (PIPSC). Their 2013 survey of federal scientists found that 90 per cent of respondents felt restricted in their ability to conduct and communicate research, and 70 per cent reported political interference.

In 2015, the Liberals, under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, were elected on promises to lift restrictions and implement a Model Policy on Scientific Integrity. Versions of this policy were adopted in 2019 across all federal scientific departments.

In 2016, PIPSC conducted a follow up survey. They found that although accounts of muzzling had decreased, 50 per cent of respondents still felt restricted in their ability to conduct and communicate work, and 40 per cent experienced ongoing political interference.

Interference in science today

Though informative, the PIPSC survey was limited in scope: they only focused on federal government scientists and didn't investigate all sources of interference, or which subgroups of scientists were most vulnerable. Our research addressed these gaps and investigated the impact of the scientific integrity policies.

In our survey, respondents indicated that, overall, their ability to communicate with the public has improved in the recent years. Of the respondents aware of the government's scientific integrity policies, roughly half of them attribute positive changes to them.

Others argued that the 2015 change in government had the biggest influence. In the first few months of their tenure, the Liberal government created a new cabinet position, the Minister of Science (this position was absorbed into the role of Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry in 2019), and appointed a chief science advisor among other changes.

Though the ability to communicate has generally improved, many of the researchers argued interference still goes on in subtler ways. These included undue restriction on what kind of environmental research they can do, and funding to pursue them. Many respondents attributed those restrictions to the influence of private industry.

Respondents identified the major sources of external interference as management, workplace policies, and external research partners. The chief motivations for interference, as the scientists saw it, included downplaying environmental risks, justifying an organization's current position on an issue and avoiding contention.

Our most surprising finding was almost half of respondents said they limited their communications with the public and policymakers due to fears of negative backlash and reduced career opportunities.

In addition, interference had not been experienced equally. Early career and marginalized scientists — including those who identify as women, racialized, living with a disability and 2SLGBTQI+ — reported facing significantly more interference than their counterparts.

Scientists studying climate change, pollution, environmental impacted assessments and threatened species were also more likely to experience interference with their work than scientists in other disciplines.

The consequences for Canadians and our environment

Environmental policy is only as good as the evidence it is based on. In the current climate crisis, effective environmental policy has never been more important. If scientists cannot freely conduct and communicate their work, the gap between evidence and policy widens, and that means Canada gets less effective laws and policies.

Environmental scientists are doing essential work. They are informing and equipping us to fight against the climate crisis, prevent extinction of species and solve the multitude of environmental challenges we face. If scientists are unable to effectively communicate with the public, democratic decision-making, that depends on informed voters, could be compromised as well.

Environmental scientists are doing essential work. They are informing and equipping us to fight against the climate crisis, prevent extinction of species and solve the multitude of environmental challenges we face.

All institutions employing scientists must take active steps to protect them from interference. This can be done by implementing and upholding scientific integrity policies, similar to those of the federal government, and creating better supports for early career researchers and those from marginalized backgrounds.

From the public and the news media, we should demand that scientists' voices and knowledge have a secure place in public discourse, while also protecting them from online harassment and backlash. We are grateful to have been able to undertake and share our research without interference. We hope that changes can be made so that scientists, in all sectors and all institutions, share this privilege.

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Origin of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols has become even more popular in recent years. This is our third year for Grace Church Sutton, it will be on Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. Not many know about its origin.

In1880, Archbishop Benson, while Bishop of Truro, Cornwall, England, created this service for a somewhat unusual reason. Alarmed by local alcohol consumption during the festive season, he wrote the service as a means to lure revellers out of the pubs and into church on Christmas Eve! In 1918, King's College Chapel, Cambridge modified it and it is this version that has been made famous by being sung by the chapel choir and broadcast to millions worldwide every Christmas Eve.

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Truro Cathedral, where it all started

It retells the stories of the fall of mankind, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus in nine short readings (lessons) from Genesis, the books of the prophets and the New Testament Gospels, illuminated by joyful singing of Christmas carols, hymns and anthems.

The service traditionally begins with a solo treble singing 'Once in Royal David's City' followed by the First Lesson recounting the fall of Adam and Eve. It then runs through to the great mystery of the Ninth Lesson story in St. John 1, which starts with 'In the beginning was the Word' and ends 'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,... full of grace and truth'. The service ends with the rousing carol 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing'."

We hope that Grace Church with its choir of adults and children will bring the joy of the Christmas message to you all. So be sure to be with us at 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 17 in Grace Church, 52 Principale sud, Sutton Québec.

Submitted by Sarah Hoblyn

And speaking of lessons and carols...

This Sunday, December 17, Lennoxville United Church celebrates Advent with its annual service of lessons and carols. The choir, all of whom hale from the Lennoxville community, have been hard at work preparing musical offerings for the last six weeks. Under the baton of organist and director Maryse Simard, they will perform six anthems including the Celtic Advent Carol by Michael Barrett, The Shepherd's Pipe Carol by John Rutter and a beautiful arrangement of the Wexford Carol by Douglas E. Wagner. This year, choir and congregation are honoured to be joined by pianist, singer and conductor Eun-Jung Park – currently director of Sherbrooke's Choeur Symphonique. In addition to the choir's musical selections there will be seasonal readings from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospel. All are welcome!

Submitted by Jamie Crooks

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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO TOWNSHIPS CULTURE

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Up and coming local talent

By Jessie Pelletier

The next generation of musicians in Estrie is promising and will undoubtedly be impressive. Many young boys and girls dream of being on stage to perform, and this is certainly the case with Cedrick Joyal.

Born in Sherbrooke, Joyal grew up in a house where music was a must. His mother sang all the time, and several songs became the soundtrack of their daily lives.

"We sang while cleaning, washing dishes, cooking and we listened to a whole lot of music. Me, my brother and my sister grew up in this musical atmosphere which made us love music," recalled Joyal.

"Since I was a little boy, I had this dream of becoming famous, of being on stage like a rock star. To sing my own songs, to have people recognize me on the streets was also a dream for me," he said.

Joyal started entering talent shows when he was 12, and never passed the chance to join the shows at school. Singing always made him happy.

As a teenager, Joyal taught himself how to play guitar and piano. It was easy for him, and he didn't mind making the efforts and putting in the time to hone his skills. But his voice is what seems to matter the most for the young man.

"I truly consider that my voice is my first instrument, after comes the piano and then the guitar in that order," he explained. He feels lucky to be able to accompany himself on either the piano or the guitar.

For the last couple of years, he has done many little gigs solo in cafes

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And restaurants and private events. He also shared that his mother gave him the motivation to keep pursuing his career.

"Sadly, I lost her last February. She passed away after a battle with cancer. She was 48, way too young to die. I miss her a lot. She always supported me and encouraged me to follow my dream. Now this is one more incentive for me to keep pushing myself," stressed the young man.

Joyal had his first big gig as he played at the St-Hubert restaurant in Magog every Friday night all last summer. He said he liked the experience a lot. That with all the little gigs has been giving him the experience much needed when you start a career.

Lately he has been trying his hand at writing his own songs. This means a lot to him because he wants to be able to maybe one day record an album with all his own material.

"I am my worst critic I guess; I have a bunch of songs that are not finished yet. I just set them to the side until I have better inspiration. My plan for the new year is to dedicate more time to improve my ability to write songs," he explained.

Joyal nurtures more than one dream. "I am working to produce a mega talent show. It would be open to everyone from the Townships who hopes to perform in front of a crowd. Because I entered many of these contests, I know what works and what doesn't. I would try to improve the rules and regulations, so people can have a first positive experience," he stated.

He would also consider playing full-time with a band. He loves pop music and R&B but in the last years he said he has discovered country music.

"I love Luke Combs. He is a big influence on many musicians. Combs is a good songwriter and a great performer. There's so much to learn from him. Before discovering Country music, I listened to Demi Levato and Lewis Capaldi. I guess they influenced me as well," Joyal said.

This young man has plenty of projects for the future and he seems determined to see them through. He said he wants to be known for what he will accomplish.

It is clear that there are plenty of dreams in his head just waiting to happen. He is well equipped to make them a reality. With his determination, his work ethic and a voice that can easily convey the emotion of the songs he sings, coupled with his talent as a multi-instrumentalist, we should start hearing his name soon.

Sherbrooke History Museum offers film to digital transfers

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The Mhist - Musée d'histoire de Sherbrooke is now offering a new service: the transfer of film on 8mm reels to a digital version.

While developing expertise for its own archives, the Mhist decided to offer the service to the general public. Individuals with one or more reels of 8mm film at home can call on the museum's professional team to transfer their old-fashioned video to a more modern format.

In a press release Vicky Shank, curator at Mhist explained that the archive department acquired a device for digitally transferring archives from 8mm film. "As well as ensuring the preservation of the content, we can now view the videos without the complication of old projectors," Shank said.

"Many members have told us that they have reels they can't watch, but now they can come to us to have their films converted. Some will find memories of their youth, vacation videos or grandparents' weddings," added Mhist Executive Director David Lacoste.

The customer, of course, retains ownership of the content. Once the work has been completed, the museum team hands over the reel and the digital file to the customer. The Mhist's mission is to disseminate, study and preserve local history. This service ensures the preservation of the "little" personal stories that make up the richness of our communities.

The conversion of 8mm films to digital is offered for a fee, and will generate income for the Dufferin Street non-profit.

The Mhist would like to thank Entreprendre Sherbrooke's social economy program for its funding, which helped cover part of the cost of the equipment.

Your week on TV

WEEKDAY MORNING

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				Th NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T.		Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		Beyond Skinwalker Ranch		NCIS: Los Angeles	
PARMT		628	584	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Various	Tattoo/ Auction	Various	Tattoo/ Auction
RDI		126	730	TJ	LaParole/ Mord..	J Mordus	V J L'info	L'info	J L'info	J L'info	J L'info	(:55) ZoneInfo/ L'..	Journal/ L'info	Variées	J Les grande
SHOW		616	521	F Movie		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
				M Andromeda		FBI		FBI		FBI		FBI		FBI	
				T Rookie Blue		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
				W Lost Girl		Magnum P.I.		Magnum P.I.		Magnum P.I.		Magnum P.I.		Magnum P.I.	
				Th Private Eyes		FBI: Most Wanted		FBI: Most Wanted		FBI: Most Wanted		FBI: Most Wanted		FBI: Most Wanted	
SLICE		601	562	Various	Various	Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		King	King	Various	Various	Various	Various
TLC		521	560	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	
TSN		400	400	The Pat McAfee Show				Various	Various	NBA Today		NFL Live		Around	Pardon
YOUTH		551	542	SpongeBob	Loud House	Various			Th SpongeBob	Jurassic/ Spon..	Transform/ Spo..	Loud House	Loud House	SpongeBob	SpongeBob

FRIDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 15, 2023

		Bell	Star	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
WCAX	3	-	-	Channel 3 News at Six (N)		CBS Evening News (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	National Christmas Tree Lighting (N)		The 50th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards (N) (Live)				Channel 3 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	
WPTZ	5	-	-	NBC5 News at 6 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	½★★★ "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors" ('15) Jennifer Nettles, Gerald McRaney, Alyvia Alyn Lind.				Dateline NBC (N)		NBC5 News at 11 (N)	(:35) To Be Announced	
CBMT	6	206	301	CBC Montreal News (N)	Rick Mercer Report	Coronation Street (N)	Coronation Street (N)	½★★ "A Christmas Carol" ('99) Richard E. Grant, Joel Grey, Patrick Stewart.				The National (N)		CBC Montreal News (N)	CBC Arts: Exhibitionists	Coronation Street
CHLT	7	107	718	TVA nouvelles (N)	Le tricheur (N)	La fièvre du ballroom (N)	La fièvre du (N) (F)	½★★ "Jack, le bonhomme de neige" ('98) Kelly Preston, Mark Addy, Michael Keaton.				TVA nouvelles (N)	(:35) Victor Lessard "L'oeil de la tempête"		(:35) ½ "Le miracle de Noël" ('20) Abigail Klein.	
WMTW	8	-	-	MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	ABC World News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	
CKSH	9	108	-	Le téléjournal Estrie (N)	Zone économie (N)	Autour d'une dinde (N)		½ "La Bolduc" ('18) Emile Proulx-Cloutier, Bianca Gervais, Debbie Lynch-White.				Le téléjournal (N)		Sports (N)/(:05) TJ/Estrie	(:35) ½ "Pour vivre ici" ('18) Elise Guilbault.	
CKMI	11	-	-	Global National (N)	Global News at 6:30 (N)	Saturday Night Live A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special				The 50th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards (N) (Live)				Global News at 11 (N)	(:35) Global National	(:05) Colbert (N)
CFCF	12	205	312	CTV News Montreal (N) (Live)		etalk (N)	The Big Bang Theory	Shark Tank (N)		MasterChef Junior: Home for the Holidays "Let It Snow!; The Pies the Limit!" (N)				CTV National News (N)	CTV News Montreal (N)	(:05) The Big Bang Theory
WVNY	22	-	-	ABC22 News at 6 (N)	ABC World News (N)	ABC22 News at 7 (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				ABC22 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	
WUTV	30	-	-	The Big Bang Theory	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				The National Desk	The National Desk	Seinfeld	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
CFKS	31	106	726	Taxi payant: l'escouade (N)	Souper parfait	Ça c'est drôle!	½★★ "Le touriste" ('10) Angelina Jolie, Paul Bettany, Johnny Depp.					Noovo Info 22 (N)	½★★ "La veille" ('15) Seth Rogen, Anthony Mackie, Joseph Gordon-Levitt. (P)			
WUHF		-	363	Modern Family	Young Sheldon	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				13WHAM News at 10 on Fox Rochester (N) (Live)		iCRIME - Vargas (N)	The Simpsons	Joint Relief Secrets
WETK		-	-	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC News The Context	Vermont This Week (N)	Washington Wk (N)	Firing-Hoover (N)	Lookingglass Alice (N)				Amanpour and Company (N)		BBC News
WCFE		-	-	BBC News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N)		Mountain Lake Journal	New York Now	Lookingglass Alice (N)				BBC News	Amanpour and Company (N)	
A&E		615	520	The First 48 "Old Wounds"		The First 48 "Stray Shot"		The First 48: Wrong Place, Wrong Time "Blood Lust" (N)		Killer Cases "Her Husband's Murder" (N)		Killer Cases "Murder on Wheels" (N) (SF)		(:05) The First 48 "Truly Lost"		(:05) The First 48
CNN		500	500	Situation Room (N) (Live)		E. B. OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N) (Live)		The Source With (N) (Live)		CNN NewsNight (N) (Live)		Laura Coates Live (N) (Live)		Cooper 360
DISC		520	505	Highway Thru Hell "Wreck Attack"		Mayday "Mixed Signals"		Mayday "Fatal Distraction"		Forensic Factor: A New Era "A Rifle Doesn't Lie"		People Magazine "2004: Without a Conscience"		NUMB3RS "All's Fair"		NUMB3RS
DRAMA		620	523	Chicago P.D. "Allegiance"		Chicago P.D. "Homecoming"		Chicago P.D. "New Normal"		Magnum P.I. "Extracurricular Activities"		Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"		Chicago P.D. "Payback"		Chicago P.D.
HIST		522	506	S.W.A.T. "U-Turn"		The UnXplained "Secrets of Ancient Structures"		Ancient Aliens "Aliens in Our Airspace"		The UnXplained "Bizarre Afflictions" (N)		UnBelievable "Astonishing Bodies" (N)		The UnBelievable With Dan Aykroyd "Strange Places"		The UnXplained
PARMT		628	584	Marriage Rescue "You Guys Are Screwed"		Marriage Rescue "Maybe You're Just a Horrible Wife"		Marriage Rescue "You're a Freakin' Liar"		Marriage Rescue "You Married a Fool!"		Marriage Rescue "No Integrity"		Marriage Rescue "Your Wife Thinks You're Boring"		Marriage Rescue
RDI		126	730	(:55) Zone économie "Bilan du C. A." (N)		24/60 (N)		Les grands reportages		Le téléjournal (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		Le national (N)	Le national (N)	24/60
SHOW		616	521	NCIS "Homefront"		NCIS "Dead Letter"		NCIS "Family First"		½★★ "Man of Steel" ('13) Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Henry Cavill. Clark Kent must protect those he loves from a dire threat.						½★★★ "Elysium"
SLICE		601	562	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Southern Charm "Choppy Waters"		The Real Housewives "Bite Me, I'll Bite Back" (N)		The Real Housewives: Ultimate Girls Trip (N) (SP)		(:15) The Real Housewives: Ultimate Girls Trip (N)			The Real Housewives: Ultimate Girls Trip	
TLC		521	560	90 Day Fiancé "Pillow Talk: Do You Take One Another?"		90 Day Fiancé "Pillow Talk: To Have and To Hold"		90 Day Fiancé "More to Love: For Better or for Worse" (N)				90 Day Fiancé (N)	The Family Chantel "Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow"		90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé
TSN		400	400	SportsCentre (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Toronto Raptors (N) (Live)					SportsCentre (N) (Live)		SportsCentre (N) (Live)		SC
YOUTH		551	542	SpongeBob	Popularity	½ "Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You" ('17)				The Next Step	Young Dylan	Pick a Puppy	Pick a Puppy	Driving Me	Made Up	Danger Force

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		Bell	Star	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30
WCAX	3	-	-	CBS Saturday Morning (N)				Lucky Dog	Innovation Nation	Mission	Hope in the Wild	Basketball (N)	College Basketball Kansas at Indiana (N) (Live)					College Basketball Ohio State vs. UCLA (N) (Live)	
WPTZ	5	-	-	(7:00) Today (N)	Ocean Mysteries	Teen Kids News (N)	Wild Child	Wild Kingdom	Earth Odyssey	Play It	One Team-Sports	Earth Odyssey	Premier League Soccer Burnley vs. Everton (N) (Live)				Golf PNC Championship, Day 1 (N) (Live)		
CBMT	6	206	301	Hello (N)/ Super	(:45) Paddington	DinoRanch/ //(:25) Dino Ranch True		Rivets/ Paddington	(:35) Mighty Express	MooseHoli/ Moose Holi	MooseHoli/ Moose Holi	Our Montreal		FIS Alpine Val d'Isère - Women's Downhill (N)		FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup		Luge World Cup, Whistler (N) (Live)	
CHLT	7	107	718	(6:30) Salut bonjour week-end (N)					★★★★ "Le Chat potté" ('11) Voix de Salma Hayek, Antonio Banderas.			Nouvelles (N)	Un zoo pas comme les	Infopublicité	Le défilé du Père Noël Montréal Centre-ville		★★ "Un Noël rock'n'roll" ('18) Denise Richards, Danny Glover.		
WMTW	8	-	-	Good Morning America (N)		Good Morning America (N)		Wildlife Nation	oh baby!	Hearts of Heroes	Vets-Pets	College Football Cricket Celebration Bowl: Howard vs. Florida A&M From Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. (N) (Live)							College Football (N)
CKSH	9	108	-	(:05) L'agent/ (:15) Boule	Monde (N)	Les Croods (N)	Défense (N)	Famille magique	(:45) Mike/ (:50) Bernard	La cuisine	5 chefs dans	TJ (N)	La facture	★★★★ "Potiche" ('10) Gérard Depardieu, Fabrice Luchini, Catherine Deneuve.				Meurtres au paradis "Noël aux Caraïbes" (N)	
CKMI	11	-	-	Fish'n Canada	Paid Program	Backyard Builds	Big Food Bucket List	Fish TV	Water Ways (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Save My Reno	Entertainment Tonight (N)	★★ "A Magical Christmas Village" ('22) Luke Macfarlane, Marlo Thomas, Alison Sweeney.					Property Brothers
CFCF	12	205	312	CTV Your Morning Weekend (N)		Paid Program	Jade Fever	Paid Program	Kitchen	Written Canada (N)	Moneytalk (N)	Listing Large (N)	Mary Ma.	★★ "A Christmas to Treasure" ('22) Kyle Dean Massey, Katie Walder, Taylor Frey. (P)				Corner Gas	Corner Gas
WVNY	22	-	-	Good Morning America (N)		Good Morning America (N)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Football Cricket Celebration Bowl: Howard vs. Florida A&M From Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. (N) (Live)							College Football (N)
WUTV	30	-	-	NEW Shark Vacuum! Your Pet Hair Solution!		Paid Program	Paid Program	Emeril	True Crime 2023	True Crime 2023	True Crime 2023	Women's College Basketball Louisville at Connecticut (N) (Live)				College Basketball Baylor vs. Michigan State (N) (Live)			
CFKS	31	106	726	★★ "Noël avec une star" ('16) Michael Rady, Brooklyn Silzer, Taylor Cole.				RPM "Hyundai IONIQ 6 2023"		RPM plus		Infopublicité	Infopublicité	★★ "Un Noël à New York" ('17) Brendan Penny, Jessica Lowndes.			★★ "Deux coeurs à Noël" ('20) Daniel DiTomasso, Ali Stroker.		
WUHF		-	363	Xploration Space	Awesome Planet	Pets	Xploration DIY Sci	Emeril	True Crime 2023	True Crime 2023	True Crime 2023	Women's College Basketball Louisville at Connecticut (N) (Live)				College Basketball Baylor vs. Michigan State (N) (Live)			
WETK		-	-	Life in Bloom	Happy Holidays	Outdoor Journal	MotorWeek (N)	TasteMAKE RS	Garden Smart (N)	Moveable Feast (N)	Lidia's Kitchen (N)	Test Kitchen	Cook's Country (N)	American Woodshop	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Antiques Roadshow "Tearjerkers"		Barbra Streisan
WCFE		-	-	Wild Kratts	Curious George	Work It Out Wombats!	Daniel Tiger	Weekends	Greener World	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Milk Street Television	Sara's	Dooky Chase	Mexican	My Greek Table	America's Test Kitchen Special: Home		Lidia's Kitchen
A&E		615	520	Zombie House Flipping "Dallas: Ivandell"		Zombie House Flipping "Dallas: Arcadia"		Zombie House Flipping "Orlando: Harding"		Zombie House Flipping "Dallas: Glenhill" (N)		Lake Front Luxury (N)	Lake Front Luxury (N)	Christmas Wars	Christmas Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars
CNN		500	500	First (N)		Smerconish (N) (Live)		The Chris (N)		The Amanpour Hour (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)	
DISC		520	505	Heavy Rescue: 401 "Deep, Steep and Stuck"		Heavy Rescue: 401 "War Zone"		Heavy Rescue: 401 "Shock and Awe"		Heavy Rescue: 401 "All Around Us"		Heavy Rescue: 401 "Anything Can Happen"		Heavy Rescue: 401 "A Load of Problems"		Heavy Rescue: 401 "Honour Guard"		Criminal Minds "Blood Relations" (N)	
DRAMA		620	523	Forensic Factor "Future Crime"		Chicago P.D. "Bad Boys"		Chicago P.D. "Ride Along"		Chicago P.D. "Fathers and Sons"		Chicago P.D. "True or False"		Chicago P.D. "Trigger"		Chicago P.D. "Black and Blue"		Chicago P.D. "Descent"	
HIST		522	506	Salvage Kings "Here's to the Future of Flashback"		American Pickers "The Alabama Slamma"		Toys-America "80's Tech Toys"		Toys-America "Mind Game Masters"		Pawn Stars Do America "Denver Gold Rush"		Pawn Stars "Pawn for the Holidays"		American Pickers "Dani D Delivers The Goods"		Toys-America "80's Tech Toys"	
PARMT		628	584	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters
RDI		126	730	(6:00) D'abord l'info (N)				L'info (N)	L'info maintenant	L'info (N)	Décrypteu (N)	TJ (N)	TJ	Le national hebdo (N)	L'info (N)	L'info (N)	L'info maintenant	L'info (N)	L'info maintenant
SHOW		616	521	Movie	★★★★ "I Am Legend" ('07) Alice Braga, Dash Mihok, Will Smith.				★★ "After Earth" ('13) Will Smith, Sophie Okonedo, Jaden Christopher Syre Smith.					★★★ "Mortal Engines" ('18) Robert Sheehan, Hugo Weaving, Hera Hilmar. A mysterious woman must destroy a giant city on wheels.					
SLICE		601	562	Property Brothers "Angela & Ro"		The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Will & Grace	Engagement	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	★★★ "Rumor Has It ..." ('05) Kevin Costner, Shirley MacLaine, Jennifer Aniston.				★★★ "Just Go With It" ('11) Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman, Adam Sandler.			
TLC		521	560	Hoarding: Buried Alive "They're Crawling"		Hoarding: Buried Alive "As Bad as It Gets"		My 600-Lb. Life "Lucas' Journey"				My 600-Lb. Life "Margaret's Journey"				Chantel "A Rose by Any Other Name"		The Family Chantel "Fortune's Fool"	
TSN		400	400	SportsCentre		SportsCentre		SportsCentre		SportsCentre		TSN Originals	NFL (N)	NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Cincinnati Bengals From Paycor Stadium in Cincinnati. (N) (Live)					
YOUTH		551	542	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	Kamp Koral	Croods (N)	Dragons	Loud House	★★★ "Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July"				Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob

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WCAX	3	-	-	(3:00) College Basketball Ohio State vs. UCLA (N) (Live)			College Basketball North Carolina vs. Kentucky (N) (Live)					Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer		Frosty the Snowman	Frosty Returns	48 Hours (N)		Channel 3 News (N)	Patriots All Access	
WPTZ	5	-	-	(2:30) Golf PNC Championship, Day 1 (N) (Live)				NBC5 News (N)	NBC News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	That Clip Show: Holiday Edition		Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live Austin Butler; Lizzo (N)		NBC5 News (N)	SNL Kate McKinnon; Billie Eilish (N) (Live)	
CBMT	6	206	301	FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup		FIS Snowboard World Cup		CBC Mo.	Hockey Night (N)	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Toronto Maple Leafs From Scotiabank Arena in Toronto. (N) (Live)						NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at Edmonton Oilers (N) (Live)				
CHLT	7	107	718	(:20) ★★★ "Dr. Seuss: le Grincheux" ('18) Voix de Cameron Seely, Benedict Cumberbatch.				Nouvelles (N)	★★★★ "Wonder Woman" ('17) Chris Pine, Connie Nielsen, Gal Gadot.					(:20) ★★★ "007 Quantum" ('08) Olga Kurylenko, Mathieu Amalric, Daniel Craig.					Nouvelles (N)	Cinéma
WMTW	8	-	-	(3:30) College Football The Avocados From Mexico Cure Bowl: Miami (Ohio) vs. Appalachian State (N) (Live)						Football (N)	College Football LA Bowl: UCLA vs. Boise State From SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif. (N) (Live)							MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	Eat Play Stay	The Good Doctor
CKSH	9	108	-	(3:00) Meurtres "Noël aux Caraïbes" (N)		La semaine verte (N)		TJ Estrie (N)	La petite vie	Pour emporter (N)		★ "Chasse-Galerie: la légende" ('16) Caroline Dhavernas, Francis Ducharme.				TJ (N)	Doc humanité (N)		★★★★ "Hacksaw Ridge" ('16)	
CKMI	11	-	-	(3:30) Property	Making It Home "Brenna & Shaun"		Carnival Eats	Global (N)	Global (N)	The New Reality (N)	Border Security	Private Eyes "Crimes of Fashion"		Salvage Kings "Gothic Revival"		48 Hours (N)		Global (N)	SNL Kate McKinnon; Billie Eilish (N) (Live)	
CFCF	12	205	312	Seinfeld	How I Met	Bob Heart	Big Bang	CTV News Montreal (N) (Live)		Canada's Walk (N)		★★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" ('92) Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Macaulay Culkin.					Big Bang	CTV (N)	CTV News (N)	(:05) Big Bang
WVNY	22	-	-	(3:30) College Football The Avocados From Mexico Cure Bowl: Miami (Ohio) vs. Appalachian State (N) (Live)						Football (N)	College Football LA Bowl: UCLA vs. Boise State From SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif. (N) (Live)							ABC22 News (N)	Weather Gone Viral "A Safe Place"	
WUTV	30	-	-	★ "A Family Matters Christmas" ('22) Kellie Shanygne Williams, Jo Marie Payton-Noble.				The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival		Raw Travel	Hoops Tip-Off (N)	College Basketball Alabama at Creighton (N) (Live)				The National Desk		Beat Shazam "Can Mama Make a Million?"		Paid Program
CFKS	31	106	726	Cinéma	★★★ "Une nuit au musée: le secret du tombeau" ('14) Robin Williams, Ben Stiller.				★★★★ "Harry Potter et l'Ordre du Phénix" ('07) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.						(:35) ★★★ "Le Hobbit: un voyage inattendu" ('12) Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage, Ian McKellen.				
WUHF		-	363	★ "A Match Made at Christmas" ('21) Tim Llewellyn, Aubrey Shimek Davis, Micah Lynn Hanson.					Go Nitro	Hire Me, Rochester	Hoops Tip-Off (N)	College Basketball Alabama at Creighton (N) (Live)				News at 10 (N)	Sharyl Attkisson	Beat Shazam "Can Mama Make a Million?"		Rochester Press Box
WETK		-	-	(3:30) Barbra Streisand: Back to Brooklyn			Weekend (N)	As Time Goes By	Keep-Appear	My Hero	Upstart Crow	Boniface "Crimes and Miss Demeanours"		Farewell Doc Martin		The Seas "We're Not Talking About That"		Austin "Brandy Clark; Charley Crockett"		Front Row Boston
WCFE		-	-	Antiques "Hotel del Coronado Hour 2"		Connect NY		R. Steves	Weekend (N)	Mountain Lake	New York Now	Midsomer "Death of a Hollow Man: Part 1"		Agatha Christie's "The Affair at the Victory Ball"		Agatha Christie "Cat Among the Pigeons"		Agatha Christie "Destination Unknown"		Caverns
A&E		615	520	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Legends (N)	Legends (N)	Buddy Valastro's "Spumoni Surprise" (N)		(:05) Neighbor.	(:35) Neighbor.	(:05) Neighbor.
CNN		500	500	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Spec
DISC		520	505	Criminal Minds (N)		Criminal Minds "Fatal" (N)		Criminal Minds "Angels" (N)		Criminal Minds "Demons" (N)		Criminal Minds "X" (N)		Criminal Minds "Burn" (N)		Criminal Minds "A Thousand Suns" (N)		Criminal Minds "Blood Relations"		Criminal Minds (N)
DRAMA		620	523	Chicago P.D. "Bad Boys"		Chicago P.D. "Ride Along"		Chicago P.D. "Fathers and Sons"		Chicago P.D. "True or False"		Chicago P.D. "Trigger"		Chicago P.D. "Black and Blue"		Chicago P.D. "Descent"		Chicago P.D. "Bad Boys"		Chicago P.D.
HIST		522	506	Toys-America "Mind Game Masters"		UnBelievable "Astonishing Bodies"		Curse of Oak Island "Muon The Horizon"		NCIS: Los Angeles "All Is Bright"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Under Pressure"		S.W.A.T. "Hopeless Sinner"		S.W.A.T. "Under Fire"		S.W.A.T. "Crusade"		S.W.A.T.
PARMT		628	584	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters
RDI		126	730	L'info (N)	L'info	TJ (N)	L'épicerie (N)	TJ (N)	Découverte "L'océan glacé" (N)	National (N)		Les grands reportages (N)		TJ (N)	La facture (N)	TJ (N)	National (N)	National (N)	Journal (N)	Le téléjournal
SHOW		616	521	★★★★ "I Am Legend" ('07) Alice Braga, Dash Mihok, Will Smith.				★★★ "Man of Steel" ('13) Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Henry Cavill. Clark Kent must protect those he loves from a dire threat.						★★★★ "Elysium" ('13) Jodie Foster, Sharlto Copley, Matt Damon.				★★★ "Mortal Engines" ('18) Hera Hilmar.		
SLICE		601	562	Movie	★★★ "Rumor Has It ..." ('05) Kevin Costner, Shirley MacLaine, Jennifer Aniston.				★★★ "Just Go With It" ('11) Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman, Adam Sandler.					★★★ "We're the Millers" ('13) Jason Sudeikis, Will Poulter, Jennifer Aniston.					★★★ "Rumor Has It ..." ('05) Jennifer Aniston.	
TLC		521	560	Chantel "A Plague on Both Your Houses"		Chantel "Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow"		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way		90 Day: Other "Pillow Talk: Tell All Part 1"		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way "More to Love: Tell All Part 2" (N)				90 Day: The Single Life "Now or Never"		90 Day: Single Life "Until We Meet Again"		90 Day: Other
TSN		400	400	NFL Saturd (N)	NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Indianapolis Colts From Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. (N) (Live)						NFL Saturd (N)	(:15) NFL Football Denver Broncos at Detroit Lions From Ford Field in Detroit. (N) (Live)							SportsCentre (N)	TSN Originals
YOUTH		551	542	★ "Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July"				★★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" ('18)				★ "Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July"				Hardy Boys "The Drop"		Driving Me	Made Up	Danger

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Job Opportunity:

Executive Director

Are you a dynamic and visionary leader ready to make a lasting impact on the English-language minority community in the Eastern Townships of Quebec? If yes, we invite you to join us on this rewarding journey!

Townshippers

About us:

Founded in 1979, Townshippers' Association has been at the forefront of community engagement for over forty years. Our input is regularly sought at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels as well as by other stakeholders on a variety of issues affecting English speakers in the region and across the province.

Position summary:

Townshippers' Association is seeking an accomplished and passionate Executive Director to guide our organization. Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will oversee the effective leadership and management of the organization. They will also play a pivotal role in providing strategic direction, fostering innovation and solid community partnerships, and enhancing engagement of the organization within our community by championing its diverse needs.

Major responsibilities:

Organizational management

- Developing and carrying out the Association's strategic plan and policies in collaboration with the organization's board of directors;
- Ensuring the development, approval, and follow-up of the annual action plan in function of the strategic plan and the objectives of the organization;
- Coordinating the activities of the board of directors;
- Overseeing and reporting on the organization's results to the board of directors;
- Ensuring the preparation of accurate and timely analyses that capture and communicate financial results, variances, and performance trends;
- Coordinating and leading annual budget reviews, monthly and quarterly reviews, and periodic forecast updates in collaboration with the financial team and the Association's treasurer;
- Providing leadership for the Association's team and ensuring efficient and effective management of the organization's resources while fostering a positive organizational culture;
- Ensuring the implementation of strategies aimed at retaining a diverse, highly qualified staff and volunteer base, and seeing to the provision of career coaching, growth, and personal and professional development for workers;
- Ensuring the implementation of good management practices with regards to staff coordination and engagement and the internal management structure;
- Ensuring the Association's adherence to legal obligations.

Program management and development

- Planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating the organization's operations and programs;
- Developing and implementing consistent reporting and tracking policies, procedures, and operational reporting/metrics;
- Leading the development of evidence-based grant and funding applications to support the Association's programs and initiatives;
- Ensuring that programs and funding relationships are robust enough to meet or exceed strategic goals and objectives.

External relations, research, and political advocacy

- Networking and representing the Association at events, and advocating on behalf of the English-speaking community of the Eastern Townships according to the organization's mission and mandate;
- Conducting research on the English-speaking community and maintaining an up-to-date knowledge base for the Association in collaboration with the Director of Communications.

Requirements:

- Have an undergraduate or graduate University degree in community development, sociology, business administration, or a similar field;
- Have excellent communication skills and experience managing people;
- Be an experienced and capable leader who can help to support and guide colleagues, interns, and volunteers;
- Possess solid managerial skills and demonstrate a strong level of managerial courage;
- Possess exceptional English skills (oral and written) – most of this person's day-to-day work will be conducted in English, with English-speaking partners and collaborators;
- Possess excellent French skills (oral and written) (bilingualism is required);
- Be a creative problem solver with a demonstrated ability to multitask;
- Have exceptional organizational and administrative skills;
- Possess strong collaborative skills, but also be able to take initiative and work independently;
- Be enthusiastic, dynamic, and flexible;
- Have a driver's license.

Pertinent experience in a non-profit organization will be considered a valuable asset.

Working conditions and benefits:

The Executive Director role is based out of the Association's head office (Sherbrooke). The successful candidate can expect to work both remotely and in the office setting, as well as to travel within the region, the province of Quebec, and in the province of Ontario to accomplish their mandate. Townshippers' Association offers eligible employees a comprehensive collective insurance package (including dental and vision) and an optional VRSP with an annual employer contribution.

The Executive Director role is a salaried position based on a flexible, 35-hour work week. Compensation is determined based on qualifications and the Association's current pay scales.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of intent and C.V. to the Executive Search Committee via email: job@townshippers.org. Candidates selected for an interview will receive a more comprehensive overview of the position as well as information on the interview process and next steps.

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. This posting will remain active until the position is filled.

What's On

December 16

The Boundary Book Store, located at 4 Principal in Stanstead (Beebe), is open December 16, weather permitting, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We have a large variety of books in both French and English. We also accept donated books, games, puzzles and DVDs throughout the year 24/7. Bring them when you visit or in large cases, call for possible pick-up 819-571-7949.We DO NOT accept magazines, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, records, encyclopedias or textbooks. Please bring your bags. SPECIAL: DVDs 3 for $5 and CDs 5 for $ 1.

December 16, 22, 30

Upcoming films this month at the Cinema Haskell. Saturday, December 16: Fallen Leaves by Aki Kaurismaki, Finnish with English subtitles. Friday, December 22: Cinema Paradiso by Giuseppe Tornatore, French with English subtitles. Saturday, December 30: Four Daughters by Kaouther Ben Hania, Arabic with English subtitles. 7 p.m. Tickets purchased at the door: $5. The Haskell Cinema at the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, 1 Church Street, Stanstead, Quebec / 93 Caswell Avenue, Derby Line Vermont.

December 17

Workshops for women have resumed at Marché des Artisanats Dunham on Sundas from 1:30 to 3:30. Christmas Market Crafts on December 17. Cost $12. To register call 450-295-2252 or email michilynnd@gmail.com.

December 17

Christmas Breakfast, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 77, Waterloo, Sunday, December 17, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30. Kids 12 yrs. and under EAT FREE when they donate 2 cans or boxes of non-perishable food (2 per child), children 6-12 yrs.(non-cans) $10, adults $15. Donations will be given to the Centre d'action bénévole aux 4 vents (CAB). Please be generous and help struggling families set a cheerier table during the holidays. If there are any questions, please contact me at 450-539-2988.

Until December 17

Visit our "Bonheur" exhibit at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre! This art exhibit, a prelude to the festive season, is the perfect occasion to find unique local gems. This edition showcases the works of ten artists and artisans: Sylvia Audet, Claire Bureau, Lucy Doheny, Debbie Everett, Caroline George, Nicole Labbé, Brenda Smith, Marilyn Hobbs Turner, Donald Mercier and Laurier Mercier. Admission is free. Hours: Thursday to Sunday – 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Closed on December 1. The exhibit will run until Uplands closes for the holidays on December 17, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

December 17

Grace Anglican Church Sutton's traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 17 at 3 p.m. Grace Anglican Church Choir and the Knowlton Academy Children's Choir. Freewill offering, An Ecumenical Service, all are welcome.

December 17

Trenholm United Church. Worship and song await you at our CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE which will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship & song in our little country church. Everyone welcome!

December 18 to 22

Don't miss the blow out sale at Marché des Artisanats Dunham, December 18 to 22. Crafts, materials for craft, making plus new and used stuff for Christmas. 10 to 5. At 3786 rue Principale, Dunham.

December 31

New Year's Eve Dance, music by The Country Swingers, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at 4 Randboro Road, Sawyerville. Potluck. BYOB. Tickets $25 each. Limited quantity. Contact Martine Perras 819-553-8500, Loisirs Sawyerville.

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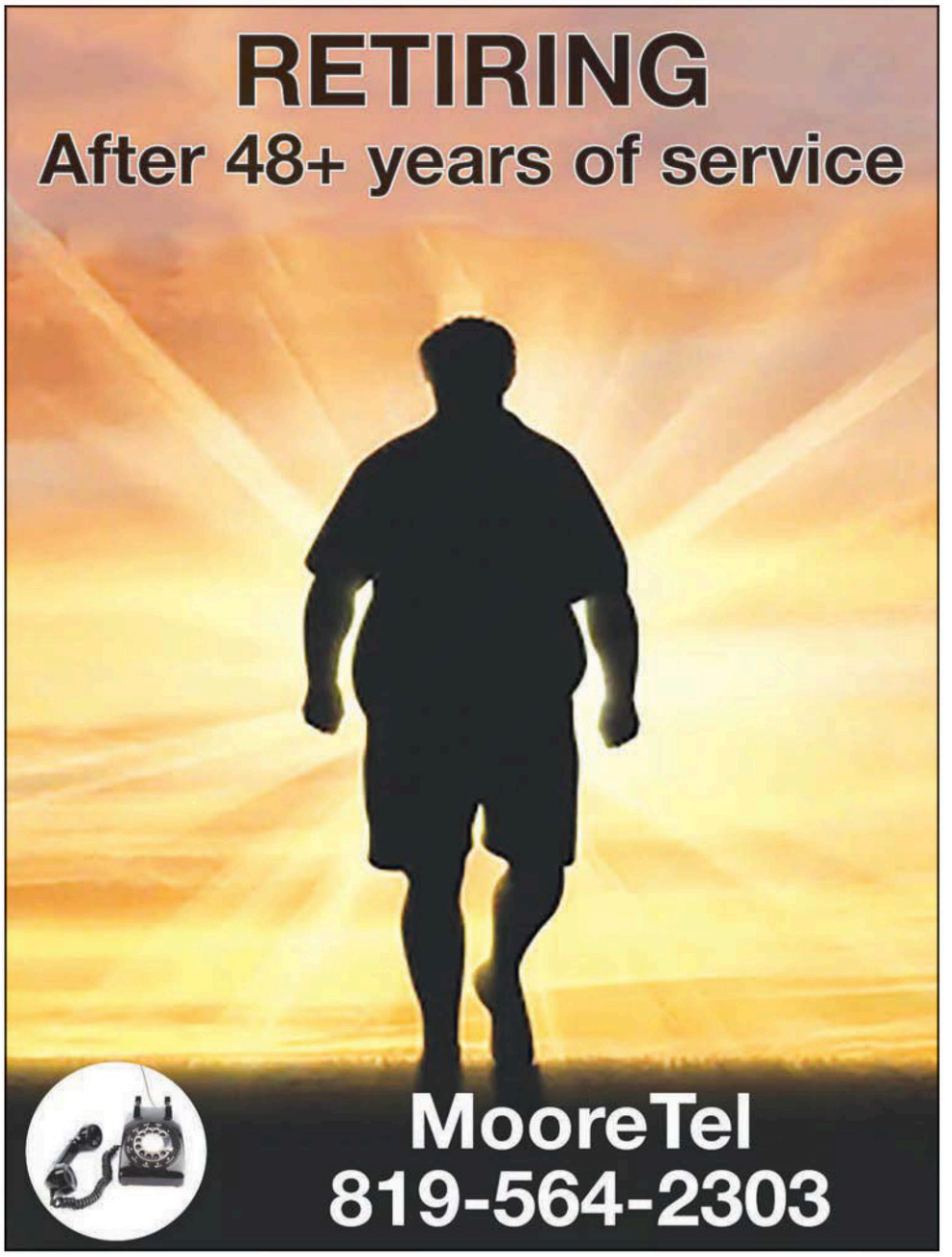

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Your week on TV

SUNDAY DAYTIME — DECEMBER 17, 2023

		Bell	Star	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30
WCAX	3	-	-	Channel 3 News Sunday Morning (N)		CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		Face the Nation (N)			You Can Quote Me	The NFL Today (N) (Live)		NFL Football New York Jets at Miami Dolphins From Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla. (N) (Live)					
WPTZ	5	-	-	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		Meet the Press (N)		NBC 5 In Depth	Soledad O'Brien (N)	Paid Program	Premier League Soccer Liverpool vs. Manchester United (N) (Live)			Golf PNC Championship, Final Day (N) (Live)					
CBMT	6	206	301	Coronation Street	Coronation Street	Coronation Street	Coronation Street	Coronation Street	Coronation Street	Rosemary Barton Live (N)		Our Montreal (N)		Maamuitaau (N)	Exhibitionists	Snowtime (N)			
CHLT	7	107	718	(6:30) Salut bonjour week-end (N)					★★★ "La vallée des nuages" ('95) Aitana Sánchez-Gijón, Anthony Quinn, Keanu Reeves.			Infopublicité		Victoire-amour (N)	Les looney tunes	"Mystère" ('21) Marie Gillain, Vincent Elbaz. (P)			Cinéma
WMTW	8	-	-	Good Morning America (N)		This Week With George Stephanopoulos (N)		Soledad O'Brien (N)	TOTAL MAINE	The Great Dr. Scott	Hearts of Heroes	Teen Kids News (N)	DraftKings	The Chef's Kitchen	DraftKings Sportsbook Report		DraftKings	Women's College Volleyball	
CKSH	9	108	-	Kung Fu Panda: les	Vite pas vite	Makinium (N)	M. Magoo (N)	Le jour du Seigneur (N)		Coulisses du pouvoir "Bilan de l'année" (N)		TJ (N)		La semaine verte		L'épicerie	Savourer	Meurtres au paradis "Le fantôme de Noël" (N)	
CKMI	11	-	-	Rock Solid Builds "Catty Barn"		Paid Program	Paid Program	Joel Osteen	Carnival Eats	The West Block (N)	The New Reality	Property Brothers "Shauna and Steve"		Rust Valley Restorers "Mom...Come Home"		"Christmas in Rome" ('19) Sam Page, Franco Nero, Lacey Chabert.			
CFCF	12	205	312	Paid Program	The Littlest Hobo	Where To I Do?	Kitchen	Cash Cab	Church of the Rock	Question Period (N)		W5 "Kim's Korea; Family Secrets"		NFL Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)					
WVNY	22	-	-	Good Morning America (N)		This Week With George Stephanopoulos (N)		What Matters	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Listen to the Silence: Women Trapped (N)		Women's College Volleyball	
WUTV	30	-	-	Ernest Angley Ministries		FOX News Sunday (N)		Sharyl Attkisson	The Key of David	The Beer Show	Buffalo Plus	FOX NFL Sunday (N) (Live)		NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at New England Patriots From Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (N) (Live)					
CFKS	31	106	726	"La campagne Candy Cane" ('21) Jake Epstein, Mickeey Nguyen, Jacky Lai.				RPM "Kia EV6 GT 2023"		RPM plus		Infopublicité	Infopublicité	"Le fabuleux bal des neiges" ('19) Lucas Bryant, Alison Sweeney. (P)		"Un fiancé à louer pour Noël" ('18) Brant Daugherty, Jen Lilley.			
WUHF		-	363	Science Now	Ministries (N)	FOX News Sunday (N)		Sharyl Attkisson	Buffalo Plus	FOX NFL Kickoff (N) (Live)		FOX NFL Sunday (N) (Live)		NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at New England Patriots From Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (N) (Live)					
WETK		-	-	Wild Kratts	"Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!"		Daniel Tiger	Sesame Street	Rosie's Rules	Weekends	Vermont This Week	Hi Neighbor! The Story of the Narr		Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide				Brain-Gut Connection	
WCFE		-	-	Arthur	Wild Kratts	Washington Wk	Getting Dot Older	Mountain Lake	New York Now	Rick Steves European Christmas				Great Performances at the Met "Die Zauberflote" Simon McBurney's staging of Mozart's "Die Zauberflote."					
A&E		615	520	Zombie House Flipping "Dallas: Lake Cliff"		Zombie House Flipping "Dallas: Stillwater"		Zombie House Flipping "Orlando: Old Mill"		Buddy Valastro's "Spumoni Surprise"		Buddy Valastro's "Neil Patrick Harris Cake"		Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam
CNN		500	500	CNN This Morning (N)		State of Union (N)		Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)		Inside Politics (N)		State of Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)	
DISC		520	505	Heavy Rescue: 401 "Worlds Apart"		Criminal Minds "The Itch" (N)		Criminal Minds "Boxed In" (N)		Criminal Minds "If the Shoe Fits" (N)		Criminal Minds "Hashtag" (N)		Criminal "The Boys of Sudworth Place" (N)		Criminal Minds "Fate" (N)		Criminal Minds "Amelia Porter" (N)	
DRAMA		620	523	Chicago Fire "The Plunge"		Chicago Fire "It Wasn't About Hockey"		Chicago Fire "What I Saw"		Chicago Fire "Fault in Him"		Chicago Fire "Move a Wall"		Chicago Fire "No Such Thing as Bad Luck"		Chicago Fire "You Choose"		Chicago Fire "Make This Right"	
HIST		522	506	Big Timber "Hot Fun in the Summertime"		Big Timber "Best Laid Plans"		Toys-America "Happy Accidents"		American Pickers "Kingdom of Lost Junk"		NCIS: Los Angeles "All Is Bright"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Under Pressure"		S.W.A.T. "Hopeless Sinner"		S.W.A.T. "Under Fire"	
PARMT		628	584	Bar Rescue "Grow Some Meatballs!"		Bar Rescue		★★★★ "The Other Guys" ('10) Mark Wahlberg, Eva Mendez, Will Ferrell.				Ink Master "Rep Your Region"		Ink Master "Clash of the Collages"		Ink Master "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"		Ink Master	
RDI		126	730	(6:00) D'abord l'info (N)				L'info (N)	L'info maintenant	Coulisses du pouvoir "Bilan de l'année" (N)		TJ (N)	TJ	Décrypteu	L'info (N)	L'info (N)	L'info maintenant	L'info (N)	L'info maintenant
SHOW		616	521	"V.C. Andrews' Web of Dreams" ('19) Max Lloyd-Jones, Cindy Busby, Jennifer Laporte.				★★★★ "Men in Black" ('97) Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino, Tommy Lee Jones.				★★★ "Men in Black II" ('02) Will Smith, Rip Torn, Tommy Lee Jones.			★★ "Men in Black 3" ('12) Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin, Will Smith.				
SLICE		601	562	Disaster Decks	Disaster Decks	Disaster Decks	Disaster Decks	★★ "New Year's Eve" ('11) Jessica Biel, Jon Bon Jovi, Halle Berry.					Adam Sandler.	★★ "Just Go With It" ('11) Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman,				★★★ "Last Christmas" ('19) Emilia Clarke. (P)	
TLC		521	560	Dr. Pimple Popper "Raw Meat Mass"		90 Day Diaries "The Final Countdown"		90 Day Diaries "Wrecking Ball"		sMothered		1000-Lb. "Bringing Home the Bacon"		Sister Wives "One on One: Part 1"		Sister Wives "One on One: Part 2"		Sister Wives "One on One: Part 3"	
TSN		400	400	SportsCentre		SportsCentre		NFL Countdown (N) (Live)						NFL Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)					
YOUTH		551	542	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	★★★★ "Happy Feet" ('06) Voices of Robin Williams, Elijah Wood.					★★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" ('18)				Barbie	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob

SUNDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 17, 2023

		Bell	Star	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
WCAX	3	-	-	NFL Today Postgame (N) (Live)		SailGP Racing Dubai Sail Grand Prix (N)		Channel 3 News (N)	CBS News (N)	60 Minutes (N)			Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration (N)				Young Sheldon	Channel 3 News (N)	Investigate TV	Game Time (N)
WPTZ	5	-	-	(1:30) Golf (N)	FIS Snowboard Copper Mountain - Men's and Women's Halfpipe			NBC5 News (N)	NBC News (N)	Football Night in America (N) (Live)		(:15) NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Jacksonville Jaguars From TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, Fla. (N) (Live)						NBC5 News (N)	Soledad O'Brien (N)	
CBMT	6	206	301	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer		★★★★ "The Santa Clause" ('94) Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.				★★★ "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Jeffrey Tambor, Jim Carrey.				The National (N)		CBC Mo.	Maamuitaau	Alp. World Cup (N)
CHLT	7	107	718	(3:40) "Un Noël près de toi" ('19) Vanessa Lachey.			Poule-oeufs (N)	Nouvelles (N)	Le tricheur "2000e" (N)		Les Boys: 25ème anniversaire (N)			★★★★ "Les Choristes" ('04) François Berléand, Kad, Gérard Jugnot.				Nouvelles (N)	"La musique du silence" ('17)	
WMTW	8	-	-	(3:00) Volleyball NCAA Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA (N)			Rossen	MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	World News (N)	★★★★★ "The Sound of Music" ('65) Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker, Julie Andrews. A governess weds an Austrian widower with seven children.								MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	Soledad O'Brien (N)	The Rookie
CKSH	9	108	-	(3:00) Meurtres "Le fantôme de Noël" (N)		Ambassad "Jessica Silva et Marie Laryea"		TJ Estrie (N)	Découverte "Les sommets glacés" (N)		Bébéatrice (N)	Le vrai monde? (N)				TJ (N)	Infoman	★★★★ "L'épouse" ('17) Jonathan Pryce, Glenn Close.		
CKMI	11	-	-	Fire Masters "Don't Go Bacon My Heart"		Sarah's Mountain "Eat Drink Lounge"		Global (N)	Global (N)	60 Minutes (N)			Willie Nelson's 90th Birthday Celebration (N)				Border Security	Global (N)	The West Block	Global National
CFCF	12	205	312	(1:00) Football		(:25) NFL Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)					NFL on CTV (N)	Football Night (N)	/(:15) NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Jacksonville Jaguars From TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, Fla. (N) (Live)						CTV News (N)	(:05) CTV (N)
WVNY	22	-	-	(3:00) Volleyball NCAA Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA (N)			Paid Program	World News (N)	ABC22 News (N)	★★★★★ "The Sound of Music" ('65) Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker, Julie Andrews. A governess weds an Austrian widower with seven children.								ABC22 News (N)	Bensinger (N)	Graham Bensinger
WUTV	30	-	-	(1:00) Football		(:25) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)					The OT (N)	Krapopolis (N)	Simpsons (N)	Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N)	The National Desk		Sharyl Attkisson	Family Feud	Family Feud
CFKS	31	106	726	Cinéma		"Un Noël so British" ('22) Will Kemp, Callum Blue, Reshma Shetty. (P)			"Qui garde le chien?" ('16) Ryan Kwanten, Randall Batinkoff, Alicia Silverstone. (P)			(:35) ★★★★ "Réellement l'amour" ('03) Laura Linney, Colin Firth, Hugh Grant. Divers Londoniens composent avec leur vie sentimentale.							"Tous les chemins mènent à Noël" (P)	
WUHF		-	363	(1:00) Football		(:25) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)					The OT (N)	Krapopolis (N)	Simpsons (N)	Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N)	News at 10 (N)	Sharyl Attkisson	The National Desk (N) (Live)		Positively (N)
WETK		-	-	(3:00) Brain Gut	Aging Backwards 4		Weekend (N)	Farewell Doc Martin		Midsomer Murders "Wild Harvest"		Agatha Ch "Unfinished Portrait" (N) (F)		All Creatures Great "Surviving Siegfried"		All Creatures Great "What a Balls Up!"		Christmas at Belmont		Agatha Christie
WCFE		-	-	(1:00) Perform	Handel's Messiah: Presented by		Debbie Gibson	Agatha Christie's "The Affair at the Victory Ball"		Death in Paradise		Agatha Ch "Unfinished Portrait" (N) (F)		All Creatures Great "Surviving Siegfried"		(:15) All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "What a Balls Up!"		Magic of Christmas		Midsomer Murders
A&E		615	520	Court Cam	Court Cam	The First 48 "Brother's Bread; Into the Woods"		The First 48		The First 48 "Child's Play; Bad Intentions"		The First 48 "Family First"		The First 48 "Dangerous Business"		The First 48 "The Abnormals"		(:05) First 48 "Soldier Down; Blood Vendetta"		(:05) The First 48
CNN		500	500	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		Whole Story (N)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		Whole
DISC		520	505	Criminal Minds "The Forever People" (N)		Criminal Minds "Anonymous" (N)		Criminal Minds "Nelson's Sparrow" (N)		Aussie Gold Hunters		Homestead Rescue "Denali Double Rescue"				Gold Rush "The Golden Age"		Outback Opal Hunters "No Risk, No Reward"		Homestead Rescue
DRAMA		620	523	Chicago Fire "The Plunge"		Chicago Fire "It Wasn't About Hockey"		Chicago Fire "What I Saw"		Chicago Fire "Fault in Him"		Chicago Fire "Move a Wall"		Chicago Fire "No Such Thing as Bad Luck"		Chicago Fire "You Choose"		Chicago Fire "Make This Right"		Chicago Fire
HIST		522	506	S.W.A.T. "Crusade"		Forged "Revolutionary War Forge"		Toys-America "Happy Accidents"		American Pickers "Kingdom of Lost Junk"		Cursed Waters "The White Whale"		UnBelievable "Bizarre Deaths"		Oak Island "The Grand Opening" (N)		Cursed Waters "The White Whale"		UnBelievable
PARMT		628	584	(3:30) Ink Master	Ink Master "Out of Your Element"		Ink Master "Off the Chain"		Ink Master "Head Spin"		Ink Master "Sugar Rush"		Ink Master "Every Artist for Themselves"		Ink Master "From Toast to Toast"		Ink Master "Last Draw"		Ink Master "There Can Only Be One"	
RDI		126	730	L'info (N)	L'épicerie	TJ (N)	La facture	TJ (N)	Le téléjournal	National (N)	Le national	La semaine verte (N)		TJ (N)		Coulisses du pouvoir "Bilan de l'année"		National (N)	National (N)	Journal (N)	TJ (N)
SHOW		616	521	CSI: Vegas "When the Dust Settles"		CSI: Vegas "Boned"		CSI: Vegas "Third Time's the Charm"		CSI: Vegas "Ashes, Ashes"		CSI: Vegas "We All Fall Down"		Dr. Death "Hardwood Floors"		(:20) Saturday Night Live			(:50) ★★★★ "Men in Black" ('97)	
SLICE		601	562	(3:00) ★★★ "Last Christmas" ('19) Henry Golding, Emilia Clarke. (P)			★★ "New Year's Eve" ('11) Jessica Biel, Jon Bon Jovi, Halle Berry. (P)					The Real Housewives of Potomac (N)		Medicine "The Grapes of Wrath" (N)		The Real Housewives of Potomac		Married to Medicine "The Grapes of Wrath"		Movie	
TLC		521	560	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day "Pillow Talk: To Have and To Hold"		90 Day Fiancé "For Better or for Worse"				90 Day Fiancé "For Richer or for Poorer" (N)				Sister Wives "One on One: Part 4" (N)		(:05) 90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé
TSN		400	400	NFL Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)						Football Night in America (N) (Live)		(:20) NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Jacksonville Jaguars From TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, Fla. (N) (Live)							SC With Jay Onrait (N) (Live)	
YOUTH		551	542	★★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" ('18)				★★★★ "Happy Feet" ('06) Elijah Wood.						★★★★ "Happy Feet" ('06) Elijah Wood.				Driving Me	Made Up	Danger

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MONDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 18, 2023

		Bell	Star	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
WCAX	3	-	-	Channel 3 News at Six (N)		CBS Evening News (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Price Is Right at Night (N)		Big Brother Reindeer Games (N)		NCIS "Evil Eye"		Channel 3 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	
WPTZ	5	-	-	NBC5 News at 6 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 1" (N) (Live)				Password (N)		NBC5 News at 11 (N)	(:35) J. Fallon "Mark Wahlberg; Elle Fanning; Carin León" (N)	
CBMT	6	206	301	CBC Montreal News (N)	Rick Mercer Report	Coronation Street (N)	Family Feud Canada (N)	★★★★★ "A Christmas Story" ('83) Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon, Peter Billingsley.				The National (N)		CBC Montreal News (N)	Maamuitaau	Coronation Street
CHLT	7	107	718	TVA nouvelles (N)	Le tricheur	Vlog (N)	La vraie nature "Noël" (N)			Noël une tradition en chanson		TVA nouvelles (N)	(:35) ★ "Il faut sauver la boutique de Noël" ('22) Jesse Hutch, Vanessa Lengies.			Cinéma
WMTW	8	-	-	MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	ABC World News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Seattle Seahawks From Lumen Field in Seattle. (N) (Live)						(:15) MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
CKSH	9	108	-	Le téléjournal Estrie (N)	Zone économie (N)	Un gars, une fille: 25 ans	★ "Le club Vinland" ('20) François Papineau, Rémy Girard, Sébastien Ricard. (P)					Le téléjournal (N)		(:05) TJ/Estrie	★★ "Bienvenue à Suburbicon" ('17) Matt Damon.	
CKMI	11	-	-	Global National (N)	Global News at 6:30 (N)	The Goldbergs	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Brother Reindeer Games (N)		NCIS "Evil Eye"		Global News at 11 (N)	(:35) Global National	(:05) Colbert (N)
CFCF	12	205	312	CTV News Montreal (N) (Live)		etalk (N)	The Big Bang Theory	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 1" (N) (Live)				Password (N)		CTV National News (N)	CTV News Montreal (N)	(:05) The Big Bang Theory
WVNY	22	-	-	ABC22 News at 6 (N)	ABC World News (N)	ABC22 News at 7 (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Seattle Seahawks From Lumen Field in Seattle. (N) (Live)						(:15) ABC22 News at 11 (N)	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
WUTV	30	-	-	The Big Bang Theory	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Candy Cane Express; Holiday Blockbusters" (N)				The National Desk	The National Desk	Seinfeld	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
CFKS	31	106	726	Taxi payant: l'escouade (N)	Souper parfait	Ça c'est drôle!	Big Brother, le Noovo réveillon			Club Soly "Spécial temps des fêtes: Club Noël!"		Noovo Info 22 (N)	★ "Le Noël de Sophie" ('19) Jon Cor, Luke Roessler, Merritt Patterson.			
WUHF		-	363	Modern Family	Young Sheldon	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Candy Cane Express; Holiday Blockbusters" (N)				13WHAM News at 10 on Fox Rochester (N) (Live)		iCRIME - Vargas	The Simpsons	Paid Programming
WETK		-	-	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC News The Context	This Old House	25 Years With Lidia: A Culinary Jubilee (N)		Mary Berry's Highland Christmas (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Out of This World"		Amanpour and Company (N)		BBC News
WCFE		-	-	BBC News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Out of This World"		To Be Announced		Mary Berry's Highland Christmas (N)		BBC News	Amanpour and Company (N)	
A&E		615	520	(5:30) ★★★ "Central Intelligence" ('16) Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan, The Rock.				★★★★ "21 Jump Street" ('12) Channing Tatum, Brie Larson, Jonah Hill.					★★★ "The Equalizer" ('14) Marton Csokas, Chloë Grace Moretz, Denzel Washington.			
CNN		500	500	Situation Room (N) (Live)		E. B. OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N) (Live)		The Source With (N) (Live)		CNN NewsNight (N) (Live)		Laura Coates Live (N) (Live)		Cooper 360
DISC		520	505	Highway Thru Hell "Shot at Redemption"		Mayday "Phantom Strike"		Mayday "Ripped Apart"		Saving the Gorillas: Ellen's Next Adventure			How It's Made	NUMB3RS "Guns and Roses"		NUMB3RS
DRAMA		620	523	Chicago Fire "I'm Not Leaving You"		Chicago Fire "Sacred Ground"		Chicago Fire "A Real Shot in the Arm"		Chicago Fire "Badlands"		Chicago Fire "Until the Weather Breaks"		Chicago Fire "Try Like Hell"		Chicago Fire
HIST		522	506	S.W.A.T. "Sins of the Fathers"		The UnBelievable With Dan Aykroyd "Bizarre Deaths"		The Curse of Oak Island "The Grand Opening"		History's Greatest Mysteries "The Ark of the Covenant"		American Pickers "Beware of Deere" (N)		History's Greatest Mysteries "The Holy Grail"		History's-Mysteries
PARMT		628	584	Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio "Deadly Tracks"		Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio "Heroin Highway"		Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio "Port of No Return"		Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio "Can't Rat on a Rat"		Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio "Murder by Hot Shot"		Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio "And Justice For All?"		Gone: The Forgotten
RDI		126	730	(:55) Zone économie (N)		24/60 (N)		Report. "Enquêtes criminelles: affaire Florian Varin"		Le téléjournal (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		Le national (N)	Le national (N)	24/60
SHOW		616	521	FBI "American Dreams"		FBI "Emotional Rescue"		NCIS: Sydney "Doggiecino Day Afternoon"		Culprits "Vessels" (N)		(:10) FBI "Payback"		(:05) NCIS: Sydney "Doggiecino Day Afternoon"		FBI
SLICE		601	562	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Married to Medicine "The Grapes of Wrath"		Below Deck Mediterranean "Sink or Swim"		Below Deck Mediterranean "High Steaks" (N)		Housewives SLC "Bermuda Birthday Blues"		The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Below Deck Mediterranean
TLC		521	560	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way "Pillow Talk: Tell All Part 1"		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way "Pillow Talk: Tell All Part 2"		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)				(:05) 90 Day Fiancé: Other Way "Pillow Talk: Tell All Part 3" (N)		(:05) 1000-Lb. Sisters "Bringing Home the Bacon"		90 Day Fiancé: Other
TSN		400	400	NFL Monday Night Countdown (N) (Live)				(:15) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Seattle Seahawks From Lumen Field in Seattle. (N) (Live)							SC With Jay Onrait (N) (Live)	
YOUTH		551	542	Loud House	Dylan (N)	★ "Snow Day" ('22) Michaela Russell, Ky Baldwin.				Loud House	Young Dylan	Pick a Puppy	Pick a Puppy	Driving Me	Made Up	Danger Force

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WCAX	3	-	-	Channel 3 New (N)	Catamount Corner	CBS Evening News (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Price Is Right at Night (N)		Big Brother Reindeer Games (N)		FBI True (N)		Channel 3 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	
WPTZ	5	-	-	NBC5 News at 6 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Voice "Live Recap of Finale Performances" (N) (Live)		The Voice "Live Finale, Part 2" (N) (SF) (Live)				NBC5 News at 11 (N)	(:35) To Be Announced	
CBMT	6	206	301	CBC Montreal News (N)	Rick Mercer Report	Coronation Street (N)	Family Feud Canada (N)	★★★★ "Home Alone" ('90) Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Macaulay Culkin.				The National (N)		CBC Montreal News (N)	Humour Resources	Coronation Street
CHLT	7	107	718	TVA nouvelles (N)	Le tricheur	★ "Un Noël près de toi" ('19) Christopher Russell, Lini Evans, Vanessa Lachey.				Noël symphonique en famille		TVA nouvelles (N)	(:35) ★ "Raison, sentiments et bonhommes de neige" ('19) Luke Macfarlane, Erin Krakow.			Cinéma
WMTW	8	-	-	MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	ABC World News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Disney Prep & Landing	Prep & Landing	The Great Christmas Light Fight "1104/1101" (N) (SF)				MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
CKSH	9	108	-	Le téléjournal Estrie (N)	Zone économie (N)	Un gars, une fille: 25 ans	★ "Il pleuvait des oiseaux" ('19) Gilbert Sicotte, Andree Lachapelle, Rémy Girard.					Le téléjournal (N)		(:05) TJ/Estrie	★ "Le Mexicain" ('04) Fabian Carrillo. (P)	
CKMI	11	-	-	Global National (N)	Global News at 6:30 (N)	The Goldbergs	Entertainment Tonight (N)	NCIS: Sydney "Gone Fission"		Big Brother Reindeer Games (N)		FBI: International "Someone She Knew"		Global News at 11 (N)	(:35) Global National	(:05) Colbert (N)
CFCF	12	205	312	CTV News Montreal (N) (Live)		etalk (N)	The Big Bang Theory	The Voice "Live Recap of Finale Performances" (N) (Live)		The Voice "Live Finale, Part 2" (N) (SF) (Live)				CTV National News (N)	CTV News Montreal (N)	(:05) The Big Bang Theory
WVNY	22	-	-	ABC22 News at 6 (N)	ABC World News (N)	ABC22 News at 7 (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Disney Prep & Landing	Prep & Landing	The Great Christmas Light Fight "1104/1101" (N) (SF)				ABC22 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
WUTV	30	-	-	The Big Bang Theory	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Let It Snow; Brickmas Carols" (N)				The National Desk	The National Desk	Seinfeld	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
CFKS	31	106	726	Taxi payant: l'escouade (N)	Souper parfait	Ça c'est drôle!	★ "Trois frères Noël et un couffin" ('22) Tyler Hynes, Andrew Walker, Paul Campbell. (P)				Ça c'est drôle!	Noovo Info 22 (N)	★ "Une star pour Noël" ('12) Travis Van Winkle, Corey Sevier, Briana Evigan.			
WUHF		-	363	Modern Family	Young Sheldon	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Let It Snow; Brickmas Carols" (N)				13WHAM News at 10 on Fox Rochester (N) (Live)		iCRIME - Vargas	The Simpsons	Paid Programming
WETK		-	-	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC News The Context	Ask This Old House	Finding Your Roots "Country Roots"		America at a Crossroads With Judy Woodruff (N)		Frontline "Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza" (N)				Amanpour (N)
WCFE		-	-	BBC News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N)		Finding Your Roots "Country Roots"		America at a Crossroads With Judy Woodruff (N)		Frontline "Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza" (N)				Amanpour (N)
A&E		615	520	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Christmas Wars	Christmas Wars	Christmas Wars (N) (SP)	Christmas Wars (N)	Christmas Wars (N)	Christmas Wars (N)	(:05) Neighbor.	(:35) Neighbor.	(:05) Christmas Wars
CNN		500	500	Situation Room (N) (Live)		E. B. OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N) (Live)		The Source With (N) (Live)		CNN NewsNight (N) (Live)		Laura Coates Live (N) (Live)		Cooper 360
DISC		520	505	Highway Thru Hell "Step Up"		Mayday "Fatal Flaw"		Mayday "Who's Flying the Plane?"		Gold Rush "Money Pit Payday"		(:55) Gem Hunters Down Under "Stone and Water"		NUMB3RS "Backscatter"		NUMB3RS
DRAMA		620	523	Chicago Med "Mirror Mirror"		Chicago Med "Theseus' Ship"		Chicago Med "Cold Front"		Chicago Med "Lose Yourself"		Chicago Med "Uncharted Territory"		Chicago Med "Heart Matters"		Chicago Med
HIST		522	506	S.W.A.T. "Reckoning"		American Pickers "Beware of Deere"		Pawn Stars "A Surreally Good Deal"		Toys-America (N)	Toys-America (N)	Cursed Waters "Killer Queen" (N)		Pawn Stars "The Pawnerator"		The Toys That Built America
PARMT		628	584	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares
RDI		126	730	(:55) Zone économie (N)		24/60 (N)		Les grands reportages "De l'autre côté de la lune" (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		Le national (N)	Le national (N)	24/60
SHOW		616	521	NCIS "Shell Game"		NCIS "Home of the Brave"		NCIS "Pay to Play"		The Lazarus Project "Stick oder Twist" (N)		NCIS "Rogue"		NCIS "Being Bad"		NCIS
SLICE		601	562	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Below Deck Mediterranean "High Steaks"		Housewives SLC "Bermuda Birthday Blues"		Housewives SLC "Swimming With the Fishes" (N)		Winter House "One Last Ride"		The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Housewives SLC
TLC		521	560	sMothered "Ponies, Parties and Pageants, Oh My"		1000-Lb. Sisters "Apple of My Eye"		1000-Lb. Sisters "Supersized: Bringing Home the Bacon" (N)		1000-Lb. Sisters "Fork You! I'm Done!" (N)		sMothered "Fights, Funerals and Fiancés" (N)		(:05) 90 Day: The Single Life "Back to the Wood"		1000-Lb. Sisters
TSN		400	400	SportsCentre (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at New Orleans Pelicans (N) (Live)					NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors (N) (Live)				
YOUTH		551	542	Patrick Star	Kamp Koral	★ "Tom and Jerry: Snowman's Land" ('22)				Young Dylan	Loud House	Pick a Puppy	Pick a Puppy	Driving Me	Made Up	Danger Force

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WPTZ	5	-	-	NBC5 News at 6 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Barry Manilow's A Very Barry Christmas		Christmas at the Opry				NBC5 News at 11 (N)	(:35) To Be Announced	
CBMT	6	206	301	CBC Montreal News (N)	Rick Mercer Report	Coronation Street (N)	Family Feud Canada (N)	★★★★ "The Santa Clause" ('94) Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.				The National (N)		CBC Montreal News (N)	Land and Sea	Coronation Street
CHLT	7	107	718	TVA nouvelles (N)	Le tricheur	"Second coup de foudre à Noël" ('17) Tilky Jones, Katrina Begin. (P)			(:45) Vlog (N)	Que les fêtes commencent!		TVA nouvelles (N)	(:35) "Notre plus belle saison" ('20) Mackenzie Davis, Mary Steenburgen, Kristen Stewart.			
WMTW	8	-	-	MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	ABC World News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Movie	Mickey Saves Christmas	The Great Christmas Light Fight "All-Stars 2"		CMA Country Christmas		MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
CKSH	9	108	-	Le téléjournal Estrie (N)	Zone économie (N)	Un gars, une fille: 25 ans	"Les Pee Wee: l'hiver qui a changé ma vie" ('12) Edith Cochrane, Alice Morel-Michaud, Claude Legault.					Le téléjournal (N)		(:05) TJ/Estrie	★★★★ "Mal d'amour" ('17) Kumail Nanjiani.	
CKMI	11	-	-	Global National (N)	Global News at 6:30	The Goldbergs	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Survivor (N) (SF)						Global News at 11 (N)	(:35) Global National	(:05) Colbert (N)
CFCF	12	205	312	CTV News Montreal (N) (Live)		etalk	The Big Bang Theory	The Masked Singer "Season 10 Finale" (N) (SF)				Weakest Link "How Jane Lynch Stole Christmas" (N)		CTV National News (N)	CTV News Montreal (N)	(:05) The Big Bang Theory
WVNY	22	-	-	ABC22 News at 6 (N)	ABC World News (N)	ABC22 News at 7 (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Movie	Mickey Saves Christmas	The Great Christmas Light Fight "All-Stars 2"		CMA Country Christmas		ABC22 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
WUTV	30	-	-	The Big Bang Theory	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	The Masked Singer "Season 10 Finale" (N) (SF)				The National Desk	The National Desk	Seinfeld	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
CFKS	31	106	726	Taxi payant: l'escouade (N)	Souper parfait	Ça c'est drôle!	"Affreux Noël" ('04) James Gandolfini, Christina Applegate, Ben Affleck. (P)				Ça c'est drôle!	Noovo Info 22 (N)	"Un Noël plein d'espoir" ('11) Zak Ludwig, Jaishon Fisher, Billy Ray Cyrus.			
WUHF		-	363	Modern Family	Young Sheldon	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Masked Singer "Season 10 Finale" (N) (SF)				13WHAM News at 10 on Fox Rochester (N) (Live)		¡CRIME - Vargas	The Simpsons	Paid Programming
WETK		-	-	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC News The Context	Seeing Canada	Nature "Santa's Wild Home"		NOVA "Decoding the Great Pyramid"		Great Yellowstone Thaw		Amanpour and Company (N)		BBC News
WCFE		-	-	BBC News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Santa's Wild Home"		NOVA "Decoding the Great Pyramid"		Great Yellowstone Thaw		BBC News	Amanpour and Company (N)	
A&E		615	520	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam (N)	Court Cam (N)	Interrogation Cam (N)	Interrogation Cam (N)	(:05) Court Cam	(:35) Court Cam	(:05) Court Cam
CNN		500	500	Situation Room (N) (Live)		E. B. OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N) (Live)		The Source With (N) (Live)		King Charles (N)		Laura Coates Live (N) (Live)		Cooper 360
DISC		520	505	Highway Thru Hell "Triple Play"		Mayday "Scratching the Surface"		Mayday "Lockerbie Disaster"		People Magazine "2005: Prisoners of Love"		People Magazine "2006: Bad Company"		NUMB3RS "Hot Shot"		NUMB3RS
DRAMA		620	523	9-1-1 "Help Is Not Coming"		9-1-1 "Stuck"		9-1-1 "Awful People"		9-1-1 "Dosed"		9-1-1 "A Whole New You"		9-1-1 "Under Pressure"		9-1-1
HIST		522	506	S.W.A.T. "Local Heroes"		The Bermuda Triangle: Into Cursed Waters "Killer Queen"		The Toys That Built America	The Toys That Built America	Forged in Fire "The Frankenstein Challenge" (N)		Forged in Fire "Supersized: Sword"		The Toys That Built America "Happy Accidents"		Forged in Fire
PARMT		628	584	Deadliest Warrior "Shaolin Monk vs. Maori"		Deadliest Warrior "William Wallace vs. Shaka Zulu"		Deadliest Warrior "Somali Pirate vs. Medellin Cartel"		Deadliest Warrior "Navy Seal vs. Israeli Commando"		Deadliest Warrior "Vlad the Impaler vs. SunTzu"		Deadliest Warrior "Apache vs. Gladiator"		Deadliest Warrior
RDI		126	730	(:55) Zone économie (N)		24/60 "12 mois en 60 minutes" (N)		Report. "Henry Ford: l'inventeur du siècle américain" (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		Le national (N)	Le national	24/60
SHOW		616	521	Magnum P.I. "Easy Money"		Magnum P.I. "No Way Out"		Magnum P.I. "First the Beatdown, Then the Blowback"		Magnum P.I. "The Night Has Eyes"		Magnum P.I. "A World of Trouble"		Magnum P.I. "May the Best One Win"		Magnum P.I.
SLICE		601	562	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Housewives SLC "Swimming With the Fishes"		The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills "Esopha-Gate"		Real Housewives "A Feisty Fiesta" (N)		Real Housewives "Palm Beach Pandemonium" (N)		Real Housewives "Mamacita Madness Part 1"		Real Housewives
TLC		521	560	Dr. Pimple Popper "Zombie Skin"		Dr. Pimple Popper "Keloid-Con"		My 600-Lb. Life "Ontreon's Journey"				My 600-Lb. Life "Dolly's Journey"				My 600-Lb. Life
TSN		400	400	SportsCentre (N) (Live)		Raptors Game Day (N)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Toronto Raptors (N) (Live)					SportsCentre (N) (Live)		SportsCentre (N) (Live)		SC With Jay Onrait (N)
YOUTH		551	542	Danger Force	Danger Force	★★★ "Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July" ('80)				Danger Force	Danger Force	Pick a Puppy	Pick a Puppy	Driving Me	Made Up	Danger Force

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WPTZ	5	-	-	NBC5 News at 6 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Christmas at Graceland		"Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas" ('22) Tom Everett Scott, Ana Gasteyer,				NBC5 News at 11 (N)	(:35) To Be Announced	
CBMT	6	206	301	CBC Montreal News (N)	Rick Mercer Report	Coronation Street (N)	Family Feud Canada (N)	★★★★ "Scrooge" ('51) Kathleen Harrison, Mervyn Johns, Alastair Sim.				The National (N)		CBC Montreal News (N)	Canadian (N)	Coronation Street
CHLT	7	107	718	TVA nouvelles (N)	Le tricheur (N)	★★★★ "Le sapin a des boules" ('89) Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid, Chevy Chase.				P-A Méthot: Temps des fêtes (N)		TVA nouvelles (N)	(:35) "Tous ensemble pour Noël" ('18) Bailey Chase, Mia Topalian.			Cinéma
WMTW	8	-	-	MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	ABC World News (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2023 (N)				Shark Tank		MAINE'S TOTAL (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
CKSH	9	108	-	Le téléjournal Estrie (N)	Podium (N) (DS)	Un gars, une fille: 25 ans	"Bon Cop Bad Cop 2" ('17) Erik Knudsen, Sarah-Jeanne Labrosse, Colm Feore.					Le téléjournal (N)	Le téléjournal Estrie	"Le grand bain" ('18) Guillaume Canet, Mathieu Amalric.		
CKMI	11	-	-	Global National (N)	Global News at 6:30 (N)	The Goldbergs	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Big Brother Reindeer Games (N) (SF)		The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood	SEAL Team		Global News at 11 (N)	(:35) Global National	(:05) Colbert (N)
CFCF	12	205	312	CTV News Montreal (N) (Live)		etalk (N)	The Big Bang Theory	★★★★ "Elf" ('03) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.				The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	CTV National News (N)	CTV News Montreal (N)	(:05) The Big Bang Theory
WVNY	22	-	-	ABC22 News at 6 (N)	ABC World News (N)	ABC22 News at 7 (N)	Inside Edition (N)	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2023 (N)				Shark Tank		ABC22 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
WUTV	30	-	-	The Big Bang Theory	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	"The Christmas Break" ('23) India Mullen, Tom Moran, Justin Long. (P)				The National Desk	The National Desk	Seinfeld	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
CFKS	31	106	726	Taxi payant: l'escouade (N)	Souper parfait	Ça c'est drôle!	★★★★ "Madame Doubtfire" ('93) Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan, Robin Williams. (P)					Noovo Info 22 (N)	"Un rôle sur mesure pour Noël" ('19) Brittany Bristow, Teryl Rothery, Matt Cohen. (P)			
WUHF		-	363	Modern Family	Young Sheldon	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	"The Christmas Break" ('23) India Mullen, Tom Moran, Justin Long. (P)				13WHAM News at 10 on Fox Rochester (N) (Live)		¡CRIME - Vargas	The Simpsons	Paid Programming
WETK		-	-	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC News The Context	Rick Steves' Europe	Made Here	The Way Up	Made Here "Trick or Trees"		Crane Candlelight Concert: Let It Shine!		Amanpour and Company (N)		BBC News
WCFE		-	-	BBC News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N)		Death in Paradise		Call the Midwife "Holiday Special"			CLOWN by Quentin Blake	BBC News	Amanpour and Company (N)	
A&E		615	520	The First 48 "Tripped Out"		The First 48 "A Murder in Mobile"		After the First 48 "Murder in Mobile" (N)		Interrogation Raw "A Deadly Drink for Dad" (N)		Accused "After the Verdict: Angel's Second Chance" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "Deadly Secrets & True Lies"		(:05) After the First 48 (N)
CNN		500	500	Situation Room (N) (Live)		E. B. OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N) (Live)		The Source With (N) (Live)		CNN NewsNight (N) (Live)		Laura Coates Live (N) (Live)		Cooper 360
DISC		520	505	Highway Thru Hell "Rise Up"		Mayday "Blown Apart"		Mayday "Crash Course"		People Magazine "2007: Deep Dark Deception"		People Magazine "2008: The Devil You Know"		NUMB3RS "Two Daughters"		NUMB3RS
DRAMA		620	523	Chicago Med "CTRL ALT"		Chicago Med "Generation Gap"		Chicago Med "Deliver Us"		Chicago Med "White Butterflies"		Chicago Med "Prisoner's Dilemma"		Chicago Med "Monday Mourning"		Chicago Med
HIST		522	506	S.W.A.T. "Lockdown"		Forged in Fire "The Frankenstein Challenge"		Forged in Fire "Supersized: Sword"		Forged in Fire "Judges Takeover: Doug Marcaida"		Forged in Fire "Judges Takeover: Ben Abbott"		Forged "Judges Takeover: J. Neilson; Damascus 500"		Forged in Fire
PARMT		628	584	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters
RDI		126	730	Zone économie "Fêter sans se ruiner"		24/60 "Hors-série: avec le chef d'orchestre Rafael Payare"		Les grands reportages		Le téléjournal (N)	Le téléjournal	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)	Le national (N)	Le journal de France 2 (N)	Le téléjournal
SHOW		616	521	FBI: Most Wanted "Appeal"		FBI: Most Wanted "Processed"		FBI: Most Wanted "False Flag"		FBI: Most Wanted "Succession"		FBI: Most Wanted "Gold Diggers"		FBI: Most Wanted "Chains"		FBI: Most Wanted
SLICE		601	562	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills "A Feisty Fiesta"		Real Housewives "Mamacita Madness Part 1"		Southern Charm (N)		Southern Hospitality (N)		The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Southern Charm
TLC		521	560	1000-Lb. Sisters "Bringing Home the Bacon"		1000-Lb. Sisters "Fork You! I'm Done!"		Dr. Pimple "Supersized: Season's Squeezings"		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper "Supersized: A Pimple Carol"		Dr. Pimple Popper "Supersized: Quadripple Nipple"		Dr. Pimple Popper
TSN		400	400	SportsCentre (N) (Live)		TNF Tonight (N) (Live)		(:15) NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Los Angeles Rams From SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif. (N) (Live)							SC With Jay Onrait (N) (Live)	
YOUTH		551	542	Dylan (N)	Loud House	Beebo Saves Christmas			SpongeBob	Danger Force	Loud House	Pick a Puppy	Pick a Puppy	Driving Me	Made Up	Danger Force

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Death

Albert Arthur BRAND

July 3, 1926 - December 6, 2023

In his 98th year, Albert passed away peacefully at CAMA Woodlands Long Term Care Home in Burlington, Ontario on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 surrounded by loved ones.

Albert will be lovingly remembered by his children Mary (William Sayer) and Heather (Robert Caswell). He will be missed by his grandchildren Jennifer, Deborah, David, William, Julie, James and David and great grandchildren Elias, Micah, Hope, Emily, Harry, Jacob, Ella, Asher and Noah. Albert is reunited with his loving wife Helen.

Family would like to thank the staff of CAMA Woodlands for the excellent care given to Albert.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 170 Main Street East, Milton. https://knoxmilton.com/

In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of Albert to Knox Presbyterian Church or to the CAMA Woodlands LTC Home (Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Canada) would be appreciated by the family.

On-line tributes at www.mckersieearly.com

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Death

Cliff ROYEA

1953 – 2023

Sadly sisters Monica (Wales Home) and Pauline (John Crease) announce the death of their brother, Cliff. He died November 26, 2023, in London, Ontario following a lengthy illness.

Born in Sherbrooke and beloved son of the late Clifford Royea and the late Elizabeth McKay. Predeceased by Gordon and Calvin.

A private family burial. Rest in peace dear brother!

Birth announcement

BULMER - Welcome Zachary Daniel Bulmer, born October 8, 2023. Proud parents are Emma Redburn and Michael Bulmer! Big sister Ava Maree Bulmer. Grandparents are Danny Bulmer and Caroline Berger from Howick, Patrick Redburn and Valerie Fowler from Melbourne.

Death

Lawrence (Laurie) William GRIEVE

1944 - 2023

Laurie passed away peacefully on December 11 at the Hotel Dieu hospital in Sherbrooke after a lengthy illness. He was the son of the late Lawrence Grieve and the late Thelma (MacMullin).

Laurie leaves to mourn his wife of 55 years Barbara Henry, his daughter Laurie Anne (Mark Aiken) and grandchildren Victoria and Josh. He will be missed by his brother Paul, his nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Visitation will take place on Monday, December 18, 2023 at Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College, Sherbrooke, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A graveside service will take place in New Brunswick at a later date.

CASS FUNERAL HOMES
3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC
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FAX: 819-564-4423
www.casshomes.ca

Death

Frans KNUTSON

At the Maison Aube Lumière in Sherbrooke, on December 1, 2023, after a four-year illness, and treatment for cancer. He faced the prognosis bravely and was not one to allow the illness or disability to define who he was.

Frans grew up in Waterville and went to Alexander Galt High School. In his twenties, he moved to Montreal, and settled in NDG where he found kindred spirits and put down roots. He worked at Lockheed-Martin for several years, in finance and business operations.

Frans leaves to mourn his parents Jim and Shirley, siblings Sonja, Olaf, Tanja, Lillian, and their families, aunts and uncles, great-aunt Isabel, many cousins, and very close friends.

Funeral service at Elkas Funeral Home, 4230 Bertrand-Fabi, Sherbrooke, on Sunday, December 17. Visitation 11 a.m. Service at 1 p.m. Next summer there will be a celebration of his life, in NDG. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Waterville at a date to be determined.

Special thanks to the staff of Maison Aube Lumière, who treated him with such kindness and dignity.

Obituaries

December 11 to 15, 2023

Albert Arthur BRAND - December 6, 2023

Ardyth DAVIDSON - December 5, 2023

Lawrence (Laurie) William GRIEVE - December 11, 2023

Laura (nee Buchanan) JADLOWSKI - November 30, 2023

Frans KNUTSON - December 1, 2023

William (Bill) Edwin LAWTON - December 11, 2023

Janet Ann (Kinder) ROWE - December 3, 2023

Cliff ROYEA - November 26, 2023

Douglas Case WARREN - December 4, 2023

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Church Services

Presbyterian

LENNOXVILLE

This week is the third Sunday in Advent. Our sermon is entitled "Love to the Loveless" and the text is John 1.6-8,19-28. You are warmly welcome to worship with us at St. Andrew's on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. To watch online go to the YouTube website and search "St. Andrew's Lennoxville" and click on the picture of our church for online services. The Word of Grace radio broadcast can be heard each Sunday morning on the community station CJMQ – 88.9 at 8:30 a.m. It can be accessed at any time at www.cjmq.fm.

United

AYER'S CLIFF- MAGOG- GEORGEVILLE PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday December 16 - Third Sunday in Advent – Joy. All are welcome to join our Sunday morning hybrid worship services with our minister, Rev. Angelika Piché, and a Christmas play by the Sunday School children. Beulah United Church, 967 Main St., Ayer's Cliff at 9:15 a.m. St. Paul's United Church, 211 Pine St., Magog at 11:15 a.m. If you would like more information or the zoom link, call Sue Young 819-578-8851 or Tammy Callaway 819-843-3778. Our minister, Rev. Angelika Piché can be reached by phone 819-993-1554 or email apiche.pasteure@gmail.com (Wed to Sun).

DANVILLE

The Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church, 43 Grove St., Danville, QC, J0A 1A0, welcomes you to join us Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for the Sunday Service, followed by a delicious potluck dinner. Rev. Reginald Jennings officiating. For information 819-839-3302. Joignez-vous à nous pour célébrer le Service du dimanche, le 17 décembre, 2023, à 11:00 a.m., suivi d'un dîner communautaire, avec le Rev. Reginald Jennings. Pour Informations 819-839-3302. Vous êtes la bienvenue!

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church, corner of Queen and Church. We welcome you to worship on Sunday, December 17, at 10 a.m., Carol Service, with Rev. Ron Coughlin.

United

RICHMOND

Richmond-Melbourne Pastoral Charge, 247 Principale Sud, Richmond, will celebrate the joy of Christmas on Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Scott Patton leading worship. We will have a social time with refreshments after the service. Everyone is welcome! Please note: This will be the last service of 2023 for Richmond-Melbourne Pastoral Charge.

SHERBROOKE

The Plymouth-Trinity United Church community of faith, at 380 Dufferin in Sherbrooke, 819-346-6373 and www.plymouthtrinitychurch.org, invites one and all to join us in person in our sanctuary at 10:45 am on Sunday, December 17, as we celebrate the season of Advent with a special service organized by our youth. And plan ahead: our Christmas Eve service will be held at 7pm (note there will be NO service on Sunday morning, December 24, only one in the evening). Or connect by telephone or the internet via Zoom. Check the website, or call, for details. Joignez-vous à nous dans le sanctuaire à 10 h 45 le dimanche, 17 décembre. Notre culte du 24 décembre est à 19 h! Ou, connectez-vous par Zoom (téléphone ou internet). Téléphonez-nous ou consultez notre site web pour les détails. Cordiale bienvenue à tout le monde. Minister: Samuel V. Dansokho.

TRENHOLM

Trenholm United Church. Worship and song await you at our CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE which will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship & song in our little country church. Everyone welcome!

ULVERTON

Ulverton United Church will hold our Christmas celebration on Sunday, the 24th of December, at 9 p.m. The Reverand Reg Jennings will preside. All are welcome to join us at this special time of year. 159 Route 143, Ulverton.

WATERVILLE-NORTH HATLEY

The Waterville-North Hatley Pastoral Charge, 460 rue Principale, Waterville welcomes you to a Carol service and Sunday School pageant at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 17th. Minister: Mead Baldwin.

Date Book

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

Today is the 349th day of 2023 and the 84th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1791, the Bill of Rights took effect after ratification by Virginia.

In 1961, convicted of war crimes, Adolf Eichmann, the architect of the Nazis' "final solution," was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

In 1970, the Soviet probe Venera 7 landed on Venus, becoming the first spacecraft to complete a soft landing on another planet.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced his intention to grant diplomatic recognition to Communist China, severing ties with Taiwan, on Jan. 1, 1979.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923), engineer/architect; Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959), playwright; J. Paul Getty (1892-1976), oil tycoon/philanthropist; Betty Smith (1896-1972), author; Tim Conway (1933-2019), actor/comedian; Dave Clark (1939-), musician; Don Johnson (1949-), actor; Julie Taymor (1952-), director; Rodney Harrison (1972-), football player; Adam Brody (1979-), actor; Charlie Cox (1982-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: The Venera probe that landed on Venus in 1970 transmitted data to Earth for a total of 53 minutes, including just 20 minutes from the surface of the planet.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1982, Bill Parcells became the coach of the NFL's New York Giants.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you practice an art, be proud of it and make it proud of you. It may break your heart, but it will fill your heart before it breaks it; it will make you a person in your own right." – Maxwell Anderson

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3.99 degrees – angle of the Leaning Tower of Pisa's lean. The tower reopened on this day in 2001 after an 11-year, $27 million effort to reduce the prior 5.5-degree tilt of the famed structure.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 12) and first quarter moon (Dec. 19).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

Today is the 350th day of 2023 and the 85th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1773, Tea Act protesters dumped hundreds of crates of tea into Boston harbor, an act that came to be known as the "Boston Tea Party."

In 1835, "The Great Fire" destroyed nearly 700 buildings in New York City.

In 1944, German forces began a 90-minute artillery barrage against the Allied front, signaling the onset of the Battle of the Bulge.

In 2000, President George W. Bush nominated Colin Powell as the first African American secretary of state.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jane Austen (1775-1817), author; Noel Coward (1899-1973), playwright; Margaret Mead (1901-1978), anthropologist; Arthur C. Clarke (1917-2008), writer; Philip K. Dick (1928-1982), author; Lesley Stahl (1941-), journalist; Steven Bochco (1943-2018), screenwriter/producer; Shane Black (1961-), actor/screenwriter/director; William "The Refrigerator" Perry (1962-), football player; Benjamin Bratt (1963-), actor; Krysten Ritter (1981-), actress; Theo James (1984-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: Margaret Mead was named "Mother of the World" by Time magazine in 1969.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1973, Buffalo Bills running back O.J. Simpson became the first player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "So books are real to me, too; they link me not just with other minds but with the vision of other minds, what those minds understand and see. I see their worlds as well as I see my own. " – Philip K. Dick, "The Transmigration of Timothy Archer"

TODAY'S NUMBER: $2.92 billion – worldwide box-office gross of James Cameron's "Avatar," which began its wide international release on this day in 2009. It is the highest-grossing film of all time (not adjusted for inflation).

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 12) and first quarter moon (Dec. 19).

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Money to win
4 Eastern European
8 Trade
12 ET's craft
13 Become less severe
14 Juicy fruit
15 Filthy place
16 One of a pair
17 Help desk client
18 Fall mo.
20 Produce alcohol
22 Film —
24 Knock
25 Plastic — Band
26 "O —, can you see ..."
27 Actor — Vigoda
30 Say further
32 Cast off feathers
34 Swindle
35 — -de-sac
36 — Coke
38 Scoundrel
39 Shoe part
40 Trainer's milieu
41 Completely
43 That boy's
44 Horned animal
46 Wash
50 "The — With the Dragon Tattoo"
52 Burden
53 Coup d'—
56 Low
57 Shrek or Princess Fiona
58 USC rival
59 Argentina's — Peron
60 Hankerings
61 Schooner
62 Certain party mem.

DOWN

1 "— in Boots"
2 Again and again
3 Small canine (2 wds.)
4 Harden
5 Rule
6 Seemingly (2 wds.)
7 Treat with great respect
8 Downturn
9 Sagacious
10 Prayer ending
11 Lively
19 Biscuit container
21 Devilfish
23 — -com
26 Thin
27 Celebrated
28 Feather scarf
29 Tip
30 Vaudeville routine
31 Batman and Robin
33 Hero in Greek myth
37 Playground game
40 Certain liquor
42 Like a bump on a —
43 Greek underworld
45 Treasure —
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47 Theater box
48 Bring home the bacon
49 Engrave
51 Rich soil
54 — Pasha
55 Hidden microphone

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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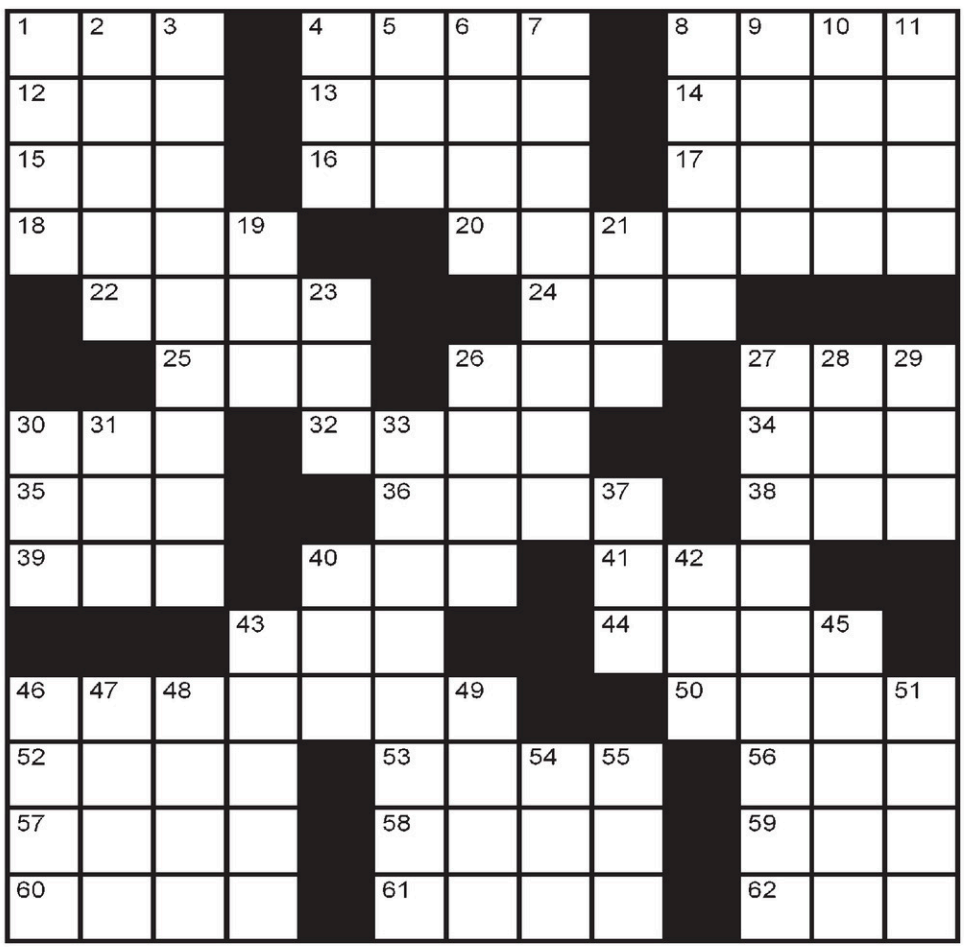

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Your Birthday

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

Take your responsibilities seriously and handle your finances with care. Don't rely on others to offer sound advice or live up to their promises. Being ready to get things done will put your mind at rest and encourage you to be fully responsible for your achievements and happiness. Trust yourself and take nothing for granted; you won't be disappointed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – A miscalculation will leave you wondering what to do next. Look at your alternatives, and you'll discover how to use your skills to compensate for any setbacks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Take advantage of a financial opportunity. You can smooth your way forward using ingenuity and common sense. Protect what you have worked so hard to accomplish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Follow your heart and put your energy where it will do the most good. Don't feel slighted if someone takes a different path. It's OK to go your separate ways and connect at a later date.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Don't jump to conclusions or pick fights. Be grateful and willing to help others. Be the one to calm the waters and offer peace and love to those you encounter. Your attitude will open doors.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Learn from your mistakes. Take a reserved approach to sensitive situations. Direct your energy wisely and map out your plan before you head out to shop or attend festivities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Say no to temptation. Put a budget together and make a plan to prevent a costly emotional, financial or physical setback. Don't get carried away by the hustle and bustle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Take good care of your possessions, money and secrets. Nurture important relationships, and distance yourself from people you cannot trust. Use your imagination to solve a problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Play to win. Explore the possibilities and plant yourself where the action is. Use your knowledge, experience and skills to outmaneuver anyone who challenges you or tries to compete with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Challenge yourself. Work-related festivities will allow you to make some valuable connections. Show compassion and loyalty, and someone will see your potential. Update your image.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Don't let emotions interfere with business. You may not agree with what transpires in the workplace, but a positive attitude will help you gracefully deal with the situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Don't get stuck in someone else's dream. Focus on you happiness and engage in events and pursuits that bring you closer to your destination of choice. It's your time to shine!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Speak from the heart. Transparency will lead to stability at home and in meaningful relationships. Discuss your feelings and intentions; you'll get good feedback.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

Maintenance will keep you balanced and encourage personal growth and a better understanding of what's important to you. Dig deep within for answers instead of relying on outsiders to offer a perspective that doesn't address what's necessary or meaningful to you. Trust your instincts, follow your heart and choose your path based on your needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Rely on yourself to get things done. Transform your surroundings or situation into something that makes you happy. Offer a kind gesture to an older friend or relative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Take the path that promises comfort and joy. Channel your energy into positive change at home, and help people who need it. A positive attitude will set the stage for warmth and love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Keep your plans simple. Excess is the enemy. Make each moment count by reaching out and doing what you can people in need. Don't let the decisions others make cost you. Offer insight, not cash.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Patience will pay off. Invest more time and money in yourself. Updates and commitments will help you gain stability and a clear picture of what you can achieve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Idleness will work against you. Too much time to mull over an incident or situation will lead to confusion and poor decisions. Focus on what others expect of you and how to reach your demands quickly and at a minimal cost.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Think about every matter before you make a move. Someone will give you the wrong information if you let them. Take the initiative to do something nice for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Address pressing issues before the end of the year. You'll feel better once you have everything in place. Don't let an emotional matter turn into a financial loss. Trust and believe in yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Don't let anyone play with your emotions. Say what's on your mind and find out where you stand. Sticking up for yourself will boost your confidence and help you find a better path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Take care of yourself. Minimize overindulgence, and surround yourself with people who prioritize health and well-being. Don't let a change or choice someone makes disrupt your plans. Pay attention to your needs and let go of what no longer works for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Enjoy the festivities. Travel, network and hang out with someone you love. Pay attention to offers and suggestions; something you hear will take you in a positive direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Do what feels right. If you let others convince you to do otherwise, you will regret it. A little less of everything will save you money and ease stress. Don't take on more than you can handle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Keep your thoughts and agenda to yourself. Refuse to let someone talk you into an expense you can't afford. Use your imagination to come up with a cost-effective plan. Romance is favored.

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Holiday hijinks

Dear Annie

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

Dear Annie: I'm frustrated with my sister-in-law and the way that she plans the holidays that she hosts or organizes. Generally, what happens is that she will reach out to the family to see what will work for everyone. We'll make any other plans around the agreed-upon plan. Then, closer to the holiday, my sister-in-law will change the plans saying that the new plans work better for her family. Most often the new plans conflict with other plans that we've made.

This year she not only changed the day and time of our family get-together but also decided that it would be held at her house rather than ours.

I don't want to miss seeing the rest of our family since we likely won't go to other holiday events that are being held indoors this year, but I feel like, if we keep accommodating her behavior, it will continue to happen. What's your take on it? – Tired of Accommodating

Dear Tired of Accommodating: My take for this year is simple: Don't go to or host indoor gatherings with people outside of your household. As for next year and the years after that, if and when your sister-in-law attempts these last-minute changes, just say no – politely, of course. You can keep it simple: Something like, "We'd like to keep to the time and place that we all agreed to." It's reasonable to ask that everyone stick to the agreed-upon time and place, out of consideration for everyone's schedules. That's the whole point of plans, after all.

Dear Annie: My husband of decades has a habit that I don't care for, and I can't seem to make him understand the problem. I have run out of ideas, have asked counselors and anyone I can that might have an answer or suggestion. I am desperate to see whether you or your readers have any ideas.

The issue is this: If he sees anything around and he doesn't recognize it, he throws it away. If you are right there, then you can stop him. Otherwise, you're out of luck. I check the garbage for items regularly.

The last things he tossed out that I didn't catch were my two photo albums from my childhood. My mom, dad and great-grandma worked on those two albums. Needless to say, the albums contained pictures of many individuals who are gone. I can't seem to forgive him and get over it. It's mostly grieving for what I can never see ever again. I thought I'd made him understand that these sentimental items are mine and that he has no right to throw something away without checking with me. Please help... I have tried counseling, both me alone and us together. I have left notes on items from matter-of-fact to rather nasty. I have tried explaining, every day, not to throw my things away. Please tell me how to deal with this problem. I am at my wit's end! – Missing My Things

Dear Missing: While not considered its own psychological disorder, compulsive decluttering can be a symptom of obsessive-compulsive disorder. I encourage you to find a 2015 article on The Atlantic website, entitled "The Opposite of Hoarding," and see whether the behavior described reminds you of your husband. Though you've tried therapy yourself and attended couples therapy with him, he may benefit from individual therapy on his own, potentially for the treatment of OCD. If I hear any insights from readers, I'll be sure to print them here.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"P V U M M V J P D I X E S J J E N S D P L N
X D Y J , N P J J M X D Y J . L M ' N M V J D S X O
M V L S T M V U M M V J I J ' N A B N M M D D
X L M M X J D G ." — Z B I M Z U H V U I U H V

Previous Solution: "Think about the fool who by his virtue can be found in a most unusual situation playing jester to the clown." — Gordon Lightfoot

TODAY'S CLUE: A equals J

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C G G T J X Y V S N G I S U S V J Y V E Y U L X Y :
N G I S M G R N ." — S J D I V C O V C A K

Previous Solution: "What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of." — Burt Bacharach

TODAY'S CLUE: Q equals D

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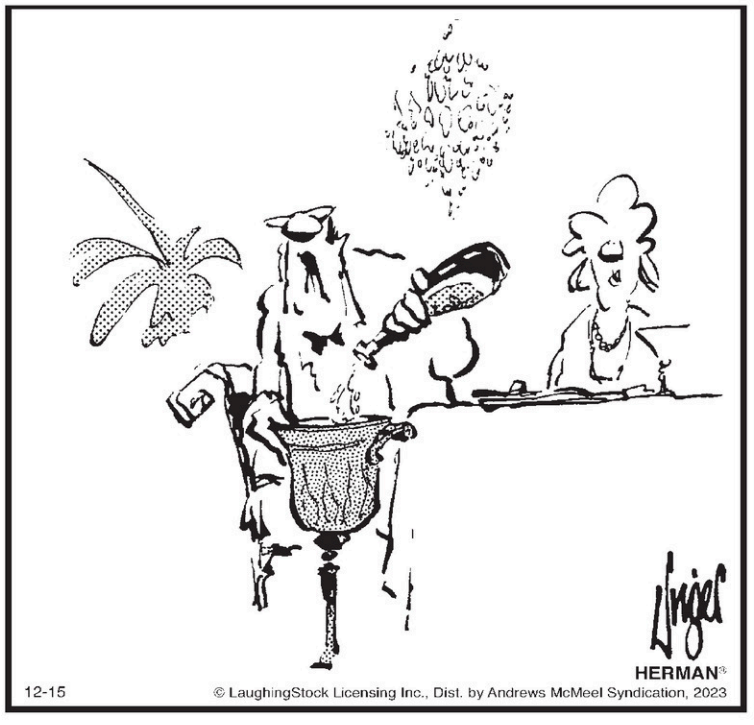

"Not so much ice next time."

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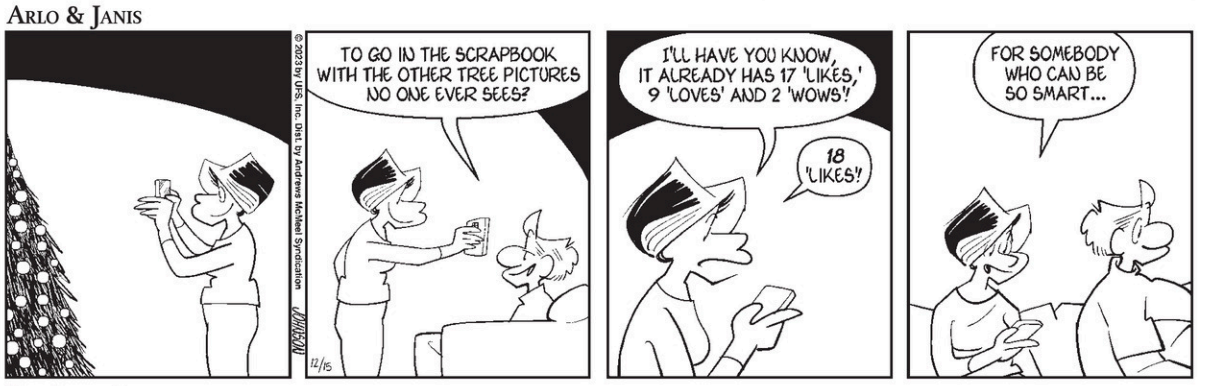

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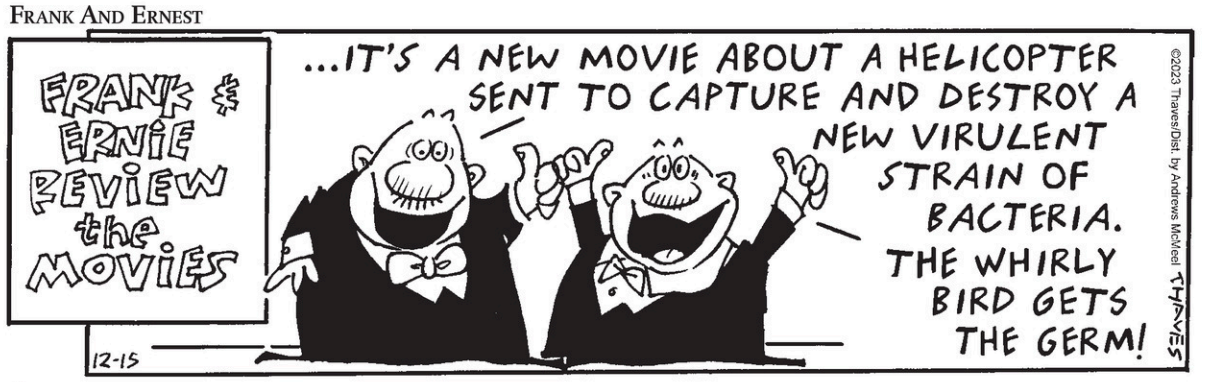

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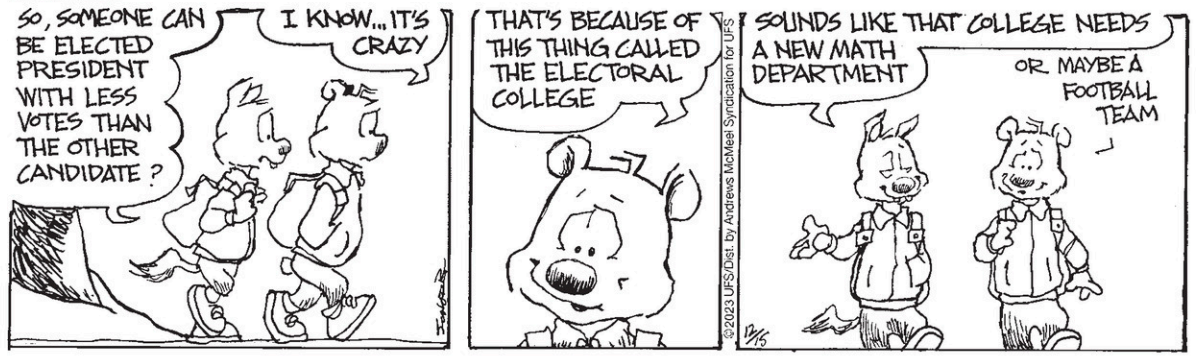

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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	3	5	4	6	9	1	2	8
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Keep complaining
5 Wood sole shoe
9 "How — I help you?"
12 Food thickener
13 Icy covering
14 Work by Pindar
15 Melody
16 — -Tune
17 — — fault
18 Young cow
20 Hangs in the air
22 Trees
24 Manservant
25 Practices in the ring
28 Bridge support
30 Moray
31 Jack-of-all-trades
35 Tip of South America (2 wds.)
38 Celestial altar
39 Membership expenses
40 Dapper
42 Allege
45 Flows back
47 Group of newborns
49 "She'd — Be With Me"
53 Dine
54 Stood up
56 Control
57 Santa —
58 Eyeball part
59 Jar
60 Sailor
61 Ovule
62 Whack

DOWN

1 Doth possess
2 Chills and fever
3 Indian queen
4 Like better
5 Bewitch
6 Baseball's — Gehrig
7 Swear word
8 Like a vinyl LP
9 Tourist stop
10 Love
11 Baking need
19 Railroads on high
21 Fluctuate
23 Not at all dense
25 Part of a min.
26 Toy gun ammo
27 Mountain
29 Tavern
31 Farm implement
32 Pad for wrestlers
33 Skill
34 Certain vote
36 Redact
37 Bone of the arm
40 Sports org.
41 Houston players
42 Anti-slip device
43 Tropical vine
44 Essential oil
46 Cover with crumbs
48 Wander
50 Ship part
51 Jazz great
52 Harvest
55 "Long time no —"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	O	T		S	L	A	V		S	W	A	P
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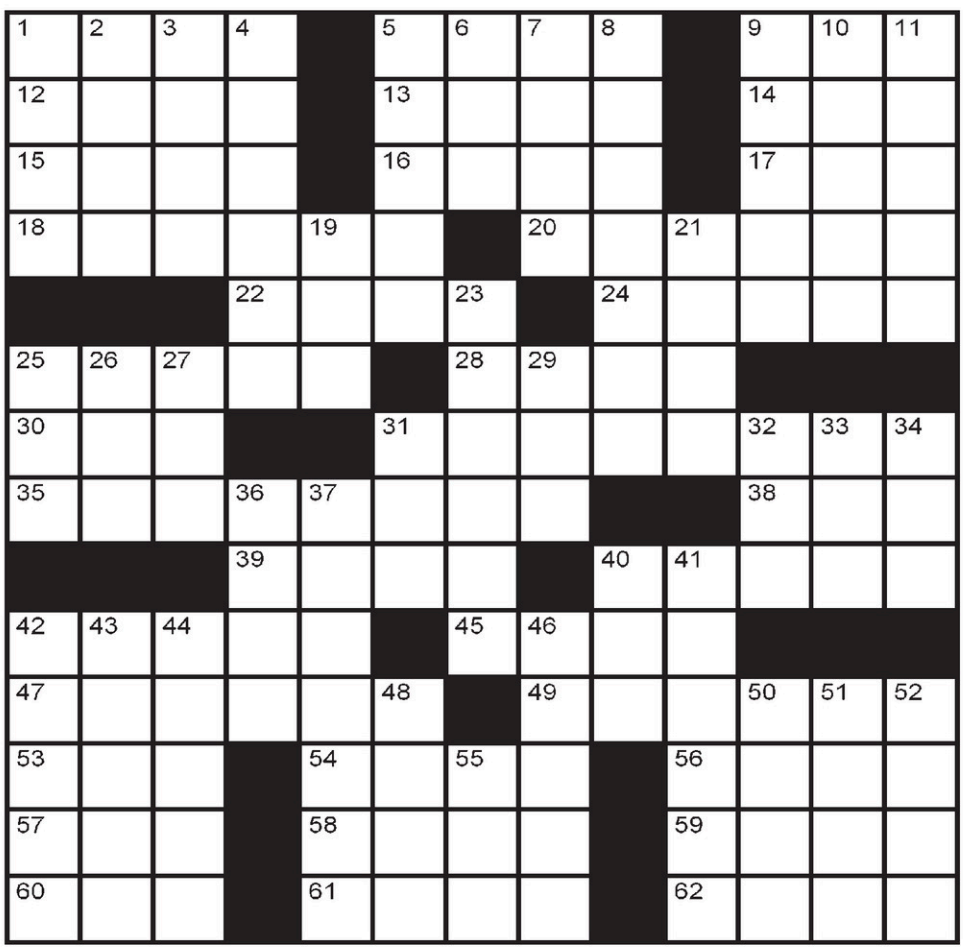

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Your Birthday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Trust your intuition to point you in the best direction. Opportunity is apparent, but it's up to you to make the changes that will help you get ahead. Be wary of anyone trying to scam you. When in doubt, do some research, ask questions, get the facts and speak up. It's up to you to control your destiny by blocking outside interference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Set high standards and don't deviate from the truth. Don't deny yourself the chance to do what makes you happy. Stop anyone who tries to mislead or take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Spend money wisely. It's easy to spent too much trying to please a loved one. Being responsible and intelligent will be necessary today. Pay attention to a domestic situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – There is enough chaos around you to warrant taking a breather. Keep an open mind and be attentive, but don't put up with foolishness. Follow your instincts and keep the peace.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Address what you need to and mull over your plan to ensure you haven't overlooked something important. Review your finances, and renew or update any paperwork that requires adjusting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Choose to do something energizing and mentally challenging. Traveling or attending a reunion will offer insight into the changes that are taking place in your circles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Don't ignore the truth when dealing with matters that affect loved ones. Be a good listener, but refrain from participating in something contrary to your beliefs. Make peace and love your watchwords.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Don't push your luck when dealing with sensitive issues. Emotions will surface, and arguments will leave you confused. A wait-and-see approach to what's going on around you will help you gain clarity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Get in a festive mood and participate in social events. Last-minute shopping, updating your look and changing your routine will prepare you for a bright. future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Put your energy to good use. Assess the cost of things before you commit to something you cannot afford. Talk matters through with those impacted by the decisions you make.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Size up what's happening and change what you don't like. Use common sense to turn situations around. Take control. Offer love, respect and empathy; you will make a difference. Romance is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – You'll find it difficult to control your emotions. Steer clear of joint ventures and shared expenses. Concentrate on fitness, personal growth and self-improvement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Adjust your surroundings to promote comfort and convenience while tending to your responsibilities and festive plans. Listen to your heart and to the people you love.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

Almost everyone missed the right play

By Phillip Alder

Some people are adept at saying the obvious in an amusing way. Take, for example, American author Daniel J. Boorstin, who wrote, "A best-seller was a book which somehow sold well simply because it was selling well." (All right, not so amusing.)

Today's deal features a play that has been highlighted many times in the literature of the game – even in this column. However, it is still overlooked by most players. This deal occurred during the 1986 World Championships in Miami. Supposedly only Frenchman Michel Perron found the right defense.

The contract is four spades. West starts with the heart ace and draws a discouraging deuce from partner. How should West continue?

Apparently, most Wests in Miami switched to a club or a diamond, hoping for a minor-suit miracle. Still, from the auction it should be obvious that East isn't loaded with goodies. The best defense, therefore, is to campaign for two trump tricks.

West should continue with the heart king and a third heart. Declarer will probably win in hand with the queen, play a club to dummy's king and finesse his spade 10. However, West wins with the ace and leads a fourth heart, which East ruffs with the spade jack. Now West's spade nine is promoted as the setting trick.

Boorstin also wrote, "The celebrity is a person who is known for his well-knownness." Well, Perron is replete with well-knownness, having, inter alia, won world team titles in 1980 and 1992.

When defending against a suit contract and having no more side-suit tricks to come, try to generate trump tricks.

North 12-15-23
♠ 8 7
♥ 9 5
♦ J 10 6 5 4 2
♣ A K 6

West
♠ A 9 6
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ J 4 2

East
♠ J 3
♥ J 6 2
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 10 9 7 5 3

South
♠ K Q 10 5 4 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ A K Q
♣ 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

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Friday, December 15, 2023

Young and young at heart launch the 2024 Townships Young Voices Awards

By Arabella Macaulay-Fishman
Grade 10, Bishop's College School

Young writers, poets, artists, and photographers from all across the Eastern Townships gathered with excitement at the Salle Amadée Beaudoin in Lennoxville, on Sunday December 11, 2023 to launch the ***2024 Townships Young Voices Awards (TYVoices)***.

Held to coincide with Book Fest, a Township's Sun 50th anniversary event, attendees were given a chance to be part of the launch, each sharing a specific element of the awards process. "I love how I could get involved just by showing up and that it was a chance for me to engage with people from all over the Townships," grade 12 student Chaimber Condo remarked.

The Townships Young Voices Awards is a unique opportunity for anyone between **11 and 29** to win cash and publication prizes in **five categories**: poetry, fiction, non-fiction, art, and photography. "I loved being part of the launch, and I can't wait to submit my work this year!" declared young participant Juliet Macaulay-Fishman, age 12.

One notable participant, renowned documentary filmmaker and photographer Louise Abbott, recalled how important similar opportunities had been at the beginning of her career. "I know how important it is to win an award and to be included in an exhibition when you are young."

Two exciting developments were announced for this year. First, thanks to the generous sponsorships of the Sherbrooke Rotary Club and the Townships Research and Cultural Foundation, there will be **at least** $2000 in cash prizes, which is more than double last year. "I enjoyed my impromptu participation in the TYV launch! It's a serious event whose young organizers show they can have fun," commented Catherine Lavallée-Welch from the Rotary Club, "It's all about creativity, after all!"

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Pictured left to right:
Back Row: *Arabella Macaulay-Fishman, Ana Martinez, Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Louise Abbott, Harry Welton, Nick Fonda, Juliet Macaulay-Fishman, Johnny Beauvais*
Front row: *Chaimber Condo, Fiona Macaulay, Ross Murray*

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NEWS

The *On Ramp* Podcast

Are you a teenager in the modern world?

Have you ever wondered why you're doing all these different things in your life? School, work, listening to your parents... What's the point of it all?

As you go from being a kid to being an adult, it's time to get honest with yourself.

So take a moment. Hit pause on pretending to be the person your teachers or parents or friends want you to be. What is actually important to you?

The On Ramp Podcast shares six interviews with people ages 11-18 who explore these very questions.
What are they up to?
Where is that all leading?
And, most importantly: Why?

If you're asking these questions, then you're in the right place. Check out these six interviews with people like you.
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Take this quiz to see how well you know yourself.

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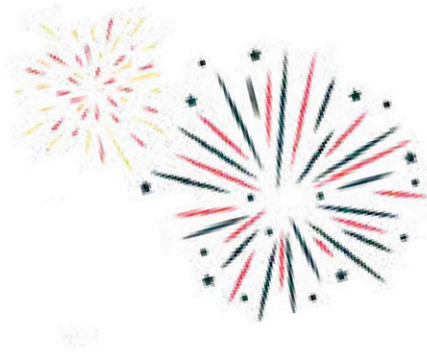
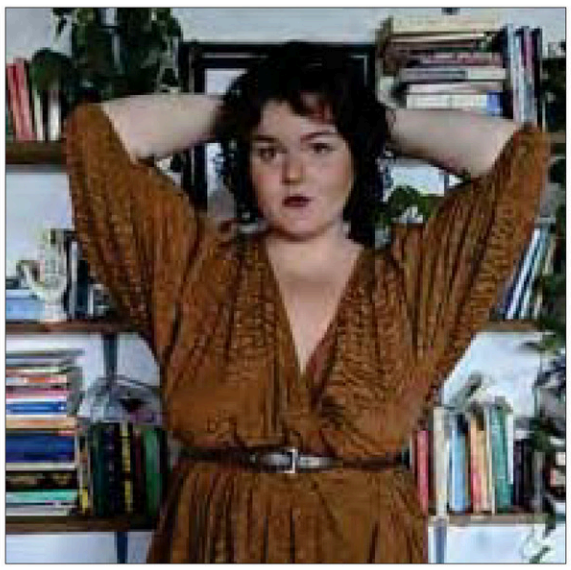


Meeting with Tara McGowan Ross from the Blue Metropolis Project

By Emry-Waven Côté
Grade 6, Magog Montessori School



I decided to interview an author because I am interested in writing a book myself and I wanted to know a bit more about what life as an author is like and their creative process. I met with an inspirational author; her name is Tara McGowan Ross. I reached out to her by the Blue Metropolis Project because she is one of the participating authors.

Tara is indigenous as her ancestors come from the Mi'kmaq First Nation. She didn't grow up on a reserve herself and grew up in a small country town in Quebec. She has wanted to be an author ever since she was a child.

My favourite part of the interview was talking about her creative process. When Tara has an idea, she starts writing about it and while she is writing, a bunch of ideas come flooding in. She also finds it hard to sometimes discard her ideas. Her favourite part about being an author is creating the characters. Tara will often start with the characters and then base her story on them.

Her next book will be a story about vampires but she has also written a biography about herself, and other books about how some people have more things than other people just because it was decided millennials ago, and it is kind of unfair that that happens.

Her favourite characters that she has written about are Adam, somebody who would show up whenever she felt like writing a romantic story, and the other character is Poppy, a girl who has a lot of energy and is often excited (a bit like the Poppy in the Trolls Movie)!

It was interesting to hear her talk about life as an author. She explained that as an author, she doesn't necessarily have to wake up at a certain hour and go to a certain location, meaning that you can work whenever you want but you also have to be disciplined about your work.

I really liked the experience of meeting with a local author and I look forward to my next interview!

Blue Metropolis Foundation's 2023-24 educational programs are innovative literary activities that allow youth to make meaningful connections with professional writers, artists and seniors.

These encounters and workshops encourage students to rediscover the pleasures of reading and writing, as well as take part in producing various collective, creative works. Another important aim of the numerous projects is to promote social inclusion and academic perseverance. Noteworthy programming highlights include the new program, ***Looking Back for a Better Future*** and one of the longest running programs, ***Quebec Roots***.

At the end of the project, a 30 to 40-minute documentary sharing what the teenagers learned and felt will be produced and screened at a special event at the 2024 Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival (April 25-28), as well as in the five participating communities. The film will premiere on the Blue Metropolis website on April 1, 2024.Participating schools and senior homes are located in Montreal, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, the Eastern Townships, Rouyn-Noranda and Akulivik, Northern Quebec.

To learn more about the Blue Metropolis Foundation, visit their website at: https://bluemetropolis.org/looking-back/

TY Voices cont'd

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Second, a new student engagement focus will be unveiled at local schools in the new year. "We hope that with some friendly competition, we'll be able to inspire even more creativity this year," stated Ana Martinez, a grade 12 student, new board member, and the 2024 TYVoices coordinator.

She was joined by TYVoices co-coordinator, Arabella Macaulay-Fishman, a grade 10 student and a 2023 TYVoices award-winner who exclaimed: "Of course, none of this would have been possible without the guidance, support, and organizing of *Townships Sun* editor Rachel Garber, and assistant-editor Marie Moliner. So a huge shout out to them.

Martinez and Macaulay-Fishman's words of encouragement wrapped up the launch: "We can't wait to see how creative you all can be with your submissions in the next few months!"

To learn more and submit your work, visit https://townshipssun.ca/new-townships-young-voices-2024/The deadline for submissions is **February 29, 2024.**

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EDITORIALS

Science & Nature

Cardinals

By James MacNeil
Age 10, Homeschooled, Sherbrooke

I'm here to tell you all the great wonders of winter birds, and not just any bird: Cardinals, the magnificent red winter bird. First, let's talk migration. You might wonder "Robins migrate and they're red, so cardinals must migrate too!" Well, they don't migrate, but why? They would use up more energy by migrating than staying where they are! Would you fly 1000 kilometres just to eat the same stuff you could eat just by staying where you are? Not me, that's for sure!

Speaking of food, what do cardinals eat? Their main diet consists of seeds and insects, making them omnivores. Also, if you have been feeding birds, (via bird feeder) cardinals depend on you feeding them. Other winter birds do also, such as chickadees and blue Jays! But bird feeders aren't the only way to help winter birds. You can also use suet, a type of bird food great for winter. It's mostly made out of fat and seeds and easy for the bird to get.

Now that we've talked about what cardinals eat, we can talk about what they look like. Male cardinals are a deep ruby red, while females are slightly smaller and a tan colour tinged with red. Male adults have a more reddish beak than females, and all the adults have a black face. The chicks are hard to identify because they look so much like robin chicks, but if you look at the inside of their mouths, you can see that cardinal chicks have red mouths, while robin chicks have yellow mouths.

Now that we've talked about Cardinals there's only one thing to do next – go and find some. It's time to go and find some winter birds, including cardinals! You can find them anywhere: at the park, in your backyard, or in the forest. You can find them anywhere in your neighbourhood. So, what are you waiting for? Go out there and enjoy the beauty of winter birds.

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Crocodiles

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Maurice and his sister, Emmanuelle, pictured holding a caiman.

By Maurice Dickenson
Age 9, Homeschooled, Ste-Catherine-de-Hatley

I became interested in crocodiles after I was into snakes. What I like about crocodiles is their great size. Crocodiles are the biggest reptiles on earth. They can grow to more than 6m, with the saltwater crocodile being the largest. It can weigh over 2000 lbs and reach maximum lengths of 6 to 7m. Although there are historical records of them measuring over 8m, bone evidence is lacking. One killed in the Bay of Bengal in 1840 was said to be 10m but turned out to be only 5.8m. Currently, the largest measured saltwater crocodile was from the Philippines. Lolong was a croc that measured 6.17m and was named after a member of the capture team.

My favourite crocodile is the Nile crocodile, found in most of Africa. The Nile crocodile grows up to 4.5m. They dig burrows which can be 12m long. They will lay their eggs up to 30m away from the water. The top eggs are as near as 10cm from the surface. My next favourite is the Mugger crocodile which commonly grows up to 3.5m and is found living in India.

Crocodiles are closely related to dinosaurs. They have been around for over 85 million years, and their ancestors lived for over 200 million years. Crocodiles are also similar to alligators. There are a few characteristics that can allow you to differentiate between crocodiles and alligators. This includes alligators are smaller in size, alligators have a broader snout, and alligators also have an overbite, unlike crocodiles. Most importantly, alligators can't tolerate salt water, while crocodiles can.

Crocodiles attack with their mouths sideways. Some large Nile crocodiles can attack larger prey than what their normal meals would be. Gustave is a large Nile crocodile that has never been measured, but they suspect he is over 6m long and weighs about 2200 lbs (which is very rare). He eats wildebeest, hippopotamus, zebras and even to some extent humans.

The smallest known species of crocodilian (the order including crocodiles, alligators, and caimans) is the dwarf caiman. They rarely exceed 2m in length, with an average adult size of 1.2 to 1.5m. It is also darker in colour.

What I also like about crocodiles is their colour, which varies from species to species. For instance, Mugger crocodiles are more grey in colour, while saltwater crocodiles are dark green, and Nile crocodiles are more brown.

In part due to their colour, and the fact they can hold their breath underwater for hours while staying still, crocodiles can hide very well. If you were in a boat in the Nile River, a 5m long Nile crocodile could be 2m away from you and you would not even notice. They just look like a log or are completely submerged. So, beware of logs in the Nile River.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

YOUTH ADVOCACY

The rights of the child

By Juniper-Kwé Fernandes
Grade 5, Magog Montessori School

National Child Day is November 20 in Canada and around the world.I feel like it is important to really take the time to celebrate this day and my school unfortunately does not celebrate it which I think is wrong.

On November 21, I went for a really special walk with my mom. We went to the Cherry River Marsh in Magog and there, on this path, were these animals that you have to search and find. It's really fun to do and every animal has a right that every child should have.

This is a picture that I took of the the flying squirrel. It represents **the right to be different**.

The rainbow trout represents **the right to live**, grow and be happy in a healthy and safe place.

Due to it's vulnerability, the yellow spotted salamander represents **the right to be protected**, like every child.

The Eastern chipmunk represents **the right to play**. It has the right to have fun, to laugh and to run just like you.

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The red fox represents **the right to learn**, to discover and to dream. You to can become independent and make your dreams come true.

The great horned owl represents **the right to speak out**.

Thank you for reading my text about the rights of the child. I hope you will now celebrate it if you have not already. It was really fun.

Town of Sutton recognized as Child Friendly City

By The Town of Sutton

On November 20, 2023, on World Children's Day, the Town of Sutton officially joined the network of Child Friendly Cities. This prestigious international recognition was awarded by Espace MUNI in collaboration with UNICEF Canada, following an application and evaluation process.

The Town of Sutton joins the network of some one hundred municipalities, boroughs and MRCs across Quebec that are committed **to putting children at the heart of their concerns**. In doing so, it also joins the worldwide Child Friendly Cities network, made up of over 3,500 cities in 40 countries.

According to Doreen Assaad, President of Espace MUNI, "Being a Child Friendly City is a commitment for the future. Recognition encourages communities to further develop, expand and initiate new actions that benefit children. It means that the Town of Sutton has chosen to take into account the voices, needs and rights of children to improve their well-being and development. But it's also, above all, a philosophy that symbolizes the willingness of municipalities to offer child-friendly living environments and services that meet their needs."

With this recognition, the Town of Sutton is committed, within the framework of its functions, to respect children's rights, to include children in all its actions and to facilitate their participation as citizens.

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EDITIORIALS

What was here before

By Jeanne Nahla Lemay
Secondary 1, Homeschooled
& her grandmother, Manon Deguire

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Recently, my grandmother has come to visit from England and we have been exploring Lennoxville together. She seemed to remember a building that sat on the piece of land now occupied by Square Queen. Interestingly, nobody else in my family remembered the old western building except grandpa.

Hence, we took it on ourselves to investigate. We started our journey at Linda's Tri-Nit-T shop and learned that the lot had been occupied by an old building that had several purposes over the years.

Then we continued our investigation at Ward's garage and learned a whole lot more. It's sad that the old building had so many fascinating secrets and that it is now gone!

By now we started to picture a busy hotel with long balconies, a place of many memories of weddings and birthday parties for some or Eastern Township holidays for others. You could even continue the party to the early hours of morning across the street in the bar that occupied the now vacant lot next to the Lennoxville United Church. A very different picture from what we now know and see.

Apparently, the Georgian Hotel (as it was called) also lodged the Lennoxville library for an unknown number of years. Lennoxville is full of mystery. When you are looking at a building, you can always ask yourself: "What was here before?"

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Abraham Lincoln, one of America's heroes

By Cecilia Neville
Age 14, Homeschooled
& Jeanne Nahla Lemay
Age 13, Homeschooled

One life can change the world

We decided to do an article on Abraham Lincoln because we believe he pushed humanity forward. Most people know him just as the sixteenth president of the United States, but he was much more than that.

Abe Lincoln was born on February 12th, 1809, in Kentucky, His family was poor and lived in a cabin in the woods. He grew up strong and ambitious. He loved to read and learn new things, and in his early life became a lawyer. He was married in 1839 and had four children. He became interested in politics, and with his good character, quickly grew in popularity.

In 1861 he was elected president. The same year, the civil war began. He played a big part in the war and fought hard for the lives of African-American slaves. He believed strongly in freedom and equality for all. He helped immensely to abolish slavery, which made him many enemies.

Sadly that led to his death. He was assassinated on April 14 14th 1865, aged 56at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C., Shot by John Wilkes Booth, an actor. He saved many lives and changed America forever.

We hope you learned that one life can change the world.

Mexico

By Jeanne Nahla Lemay
Secondary 1, Homeschooled, Sherbrooke

I am writing about Mexico because I discovered not long ago that I was going there in January. I researched about it and I wanted to share my research with others.

When the Europeans discovered Mexico, although many native people lived there, everyone wanted it and there were many wars during that period. The land was eventually conquered by the Spanish and was called New Spain. In 1810 the Mexican priest Miguel Hidalgo started the Mexican war of independence. Mexico became independent in 1821 and was divided in 32 states. Mexico is ruled by a president that is reelected every six years. Mexico is mostly desert in the north and has rainforests in the south.

I am going to a state called Quintana Roo, in the Riviera Maya, originally called: Cancun-Tulum Coridor. It is located on the western shore of the Caribbean Sea.

The second biggest coral reef on Earth is situated there and goes down all the way to Honduras: it is called the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef system. It is home to many stone corals, over 350 species of mollusks and more than 500 species of fish.

There are a lot of sea turtles and two species of crocodiles: The American crocodile and the Morelet. The barrier reef holds approximately 1,000 to 1,500 manatees. In the northern section of the reef, shark whales gather in certain times of the year.

I am learning Spanish because it is the main language over there, so here are a few Spanish words that I learned:

La Ciudad: The city
El Perro: The dog
Holà: Hello
Uno: One
Por Favor: Please

Mexico is so full of history and ruins of Mayan native people that I cannot place them all in this article but if you want to know more, feel free to click on the links under here. I hope that you want to learn more about Mexico now and that you found this interesting.

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

The season of giving

By Anaelle Jutras-Laplante
Secondary 5, Alexander Galt

This holiday season is the perfect opportunity to look around and appreciate the things and people near you, and the perfect time to show your appreciation by giving back. Encouraging those in our community has positive impacts all around and there are plenty of simple and easy ways to do it.

To start off, giving back to local food banks, volunteering at a local elderly home or charity that needs it, donating gifts for children from families in need, or giving money to a local hospital are all ways to give back to those who need it most.

Not everyone is lucky enough to have a warm place with good food this Christmas so if you have the means to, giving back is truly the best gift you can offer yourself. Secondly, if you're looking to buy unique Christmas gifts, great places to look are small local shops or fairs that sell artisanal crafts and goods made with local products. But if you don't know what to offer a loved one this season, I've got you covered.

This new year is the perfect opportunity to encourage our local Performing Arts. The Bishops' University Choir is a good example of great talent in our community. They recently put on a show called "The Magical Mystery Tour" beautifully honouring the Beatles.

The show featured a multitude of talented musicians and singers who, luckily enough, have projects coming up if you would like to offer yourself, or someone you love, tickets. These shows are sure to have your jaw on the floor and leave your heart filled with joy for the days to come.

Some of these shows include the Bishops Musical Theatre program putting on Spring Awakening in March from the 14th to the 17th at 19h30 or the Bishop's Choir working in collaboration with UdeS' to put on one grand show at Salle Maurice O'Bready on April 13, 2024 for an impressive representation of Carmina Burana.

These Bishops shows will never fail to make you feel as if you were welcomed with open arms into its family, be it just for an evening as you sit back and let the music transport you.

Alexander Galt RHS is also putting on a play of their own this December 21s and 22, 2024 for their take on "An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas".

Additionally, Fannie Gaudette will be presenting her album "L'invention Humaine" later in January 2024 at the Bandeen Hall where Alex Cattaneo will also be playing a few weeks later alongside many talented musicians.

These, among many other spectacular shows featuring local artists, are here for you to choose from. Check out *Le Point de Vente* for tickets on sale. And if you don't have the money to spend on live shows, the *Magical Mystery Tour* will be available before Christmas for free on YouTube for all to watch. It is definitely worth a listen with its absolutely amazing band, wonderful singers, and playful dances.

The show notably has an encore of "This is Christmas" sung by the incredibly talented Emmett Tinning and Laura Fernandez, which is certain to put you right in the Christmas spirit. But to ensure you carry the holiday spirit all through the festive season, make sure to put Andrew Rutherford's recently released "It's Christmas." He has a voice that is certain to bless your ears as you'll want to play the song again and again.

And with that, ***I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with love and joy!***

Christmas in times of war

By Bryan Laprise
Secondary 5, Alexander Galt
& Valerie Papillon
Champlain College, 1st year, Social Sciences

Christmas is a time of joy and family. But how was Christmas celebrated during a time when joy and family were lacking? How was Christmas celebrated when people lived in a period of worry and uncertainty, separated from their family, wondering when, or if, they'll ever see them again? Today, here, we don't have to worry about that. But a bit more (and a bit less) than 100 years ago, that was the reality for Canadians. Celebrating Christmas while making sacrifices for the war effort. World War One and Two had an enormous impact on everyone's way of life, from the soldiers to the civilians, and Christmas was part of that.

During World War One, the first one of its kind, people back home were encouraged to buy useful things as gifts. Shops had all sorts of tools that could be sent to soldiers. Additionally, wallets, gloves, pipe sets and watches were gifts that were sent to loved ones on the front. For many children, military-themed toys were at the top of their list of soldiers, guns and uniforms. Cigarettes were in high demand, as they were said to be the "fuel of the British army".

On the battlefield, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, an unofficial truce was formed, stopping the battle. They sang carols and exchanged gifts such as food, cigarettes, and tobacco. Some trenches were even decorated with Christmas trees. Games of football even broke out! Later on, some soldiers even refused to fight after "bonding with the enemy." The truce was featured in the 2005 film *Joyeux Noël*.

Field Marshal Sir John French, a British commander-in-chief's wife, asked women in England to knit some 250,000 mufflers—which are used to protect the neck from the cold—and post them to soldiers. The Royal Family successfully delivered 355,000 boxes filled with chocolate, sweets, cigarettes, and tobacco to men on the field. The British troops even shot off fireworks on Christmas Eve.

There is no evidence saying there were other truces of this sort after 1914.

Things were different during World War Two. Celebrations often had to be scaled-down because of shortages and restrictions and were often held in shelters. Between September and November of 1940, London had been bombed for 57 consecutive nights, so for many people, their Christmas was spent in an air-raid shelter. However, this didn't stop people from celebrating and decorating. Many used old newspapers to make garland as well as holly and other greenery to decorate the house. Even the Ministry of Food made recommendations on how to make simple, effective decor, such as using holly to add "Christmassy sparkle" to pudding and dipping greenery into solutions of Epsom salt for a frosted effect. The next year the British government established that no retailer could wrap anything with paper, making keeping gifts a surprise difficult.

Some of today's biggest holiday hits date back to times of war. Think of *White Christmas*, *I'll be Home for the Holidays*, *Happy Holidays* and *Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!*

Let's be grateful that we live in a peaceful place. This Christmas, try not to take everything for granted and be thankful for all you have.

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

PEES Christmas play on it's way!

By Oliver Petri & Émile Charland
Grade 5, Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, Magog

My friend Émile and I have been waiting for 6 years to be part of our school's yearly Christmas play. Only students from Grade 4 to Grade 6 can participate. We are very excited to be one of the main characters.

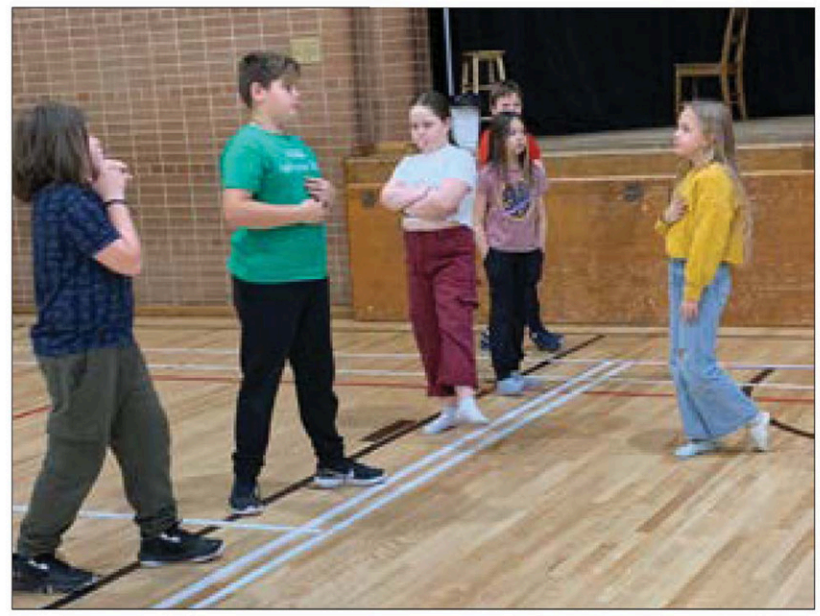
This year, the play is about Jack Frost who has a superpower to freeze. He thinks everybody hates the icy cold so decides to freeze the WHOLE world with the help of his assistant Toy 4. Émile plays Toy 4. I play Santa and Jack Frost tries to kidnap me with his army of faulty toys. My favourite scene is when Elsa defeats Jack Frost by convincing him to stop using his superpower, and Emile's favourite scene is when he says "I heard that! I heard that too! Ha! Ha! Ha! Foolish. Good thing I'm not a toy. Ohhh! I am a toy!"

We practice every day but it's hard when all people do is fool around. I will be dressed as Santa, and I am learning how to be Santa. We need to practice more because we lost practice time because of the strike days.

Thank you to Dominique and Jessie for being nice to put this together. Jessie Lewis and Dominique Roy are the writers and directors of this play.

About the play, Jessie Lewis says, "I've written the play for the past 5 years now and I love giving the daycare kids access to theatre. I see their investment and how they want to be involved and it gives me hope to know that this form of art is important to them. I work closely with Dominique in order to create a play with themes that resonate with them and character ideas they're interested in playing."

The whole cast and crew.



Jack Frost played by Finn Petri and Elsa played by Léa-rose Wilkinson pictured with other members of the cast.

INSPIRING STORY

From PEES Christmas to University Dramatic Arts

Dominique is the Daycare Coordinator at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School. She has been working at the school for 18 years and has been helping to put on the Christmas play for just as long.

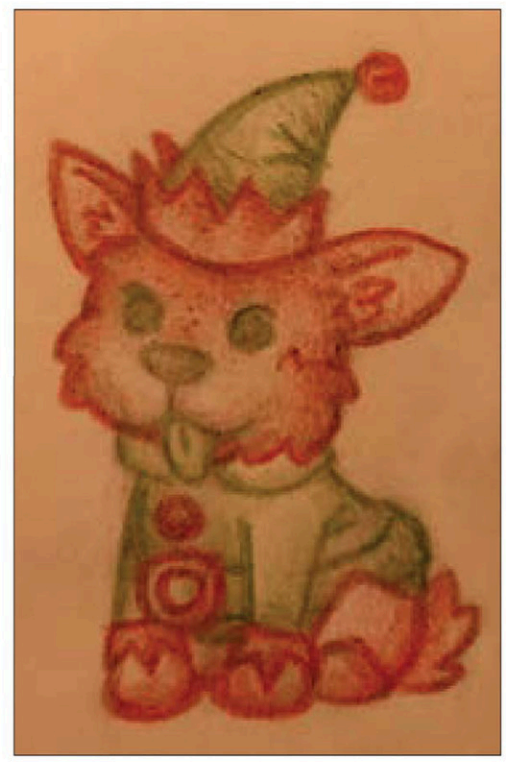
Jessie is a former student of the school. In grade 4, she took part in the yearly Christmas School Play for the first time. That's when she really fell in love with theatre. Since then, she has never stopped in all of her schooling, up until today.

Now at 25 years old, Jessie studies Dramatic Arts in University. She's very grateful for the chance to take part in an extracurricular activity that helped her discover her passion.

For the past 5 years, she's been driving between Montreal and Magog every week when it's time to put on the annual play. She's happy to come and work with her former mentor Dominique, as she feels it's important to give back to her community.

ART BY RUOHAN

By Ruohan Wallis
Age 15, Alexander Galt, St-Denis-de-Brompton



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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

BEN IN FOCUS

A glimpse from Midnight Madness

By Benjamin Macauley
Cegep Student,
Townships-based

The annual Midnight Madness event took place in Knowlton on December 9, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m.

A shining moose standing under the lanterns.

Juggling with light!

A big hug for Santa.

A warm fire outside an igloo.

The festive fairy.

Brome Lake Books filled to the brim!

Pettes Library serving hot chocolate.

It was a magical time!

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

HOLIDAY BOOKS

Start taking those holiday books off the shelf

By Bryan Laprise
Secondary 5, Alexander Galt

I know I'm not the only one excited that the holiday season has finally arrived. With decorations coming out, festive music starting to spin and ugly Christmas sweaters starting to be worn, it's safe to say that we can start taking those holiday books off the shelf. Time to snuggle up by the fire with a warm cup of cocoa and start reading. I've gathered up a list of novels perfect for this time of year.

Dash & Lily's Book of Dares, by Rachel Cohn & David Levithan

Lily absolutely loves Christmas, but her holiday plans are completely changed when she finds out her parents are leaving her and her brother to catch up on their missed honeymoon. Her brother, Langston, convinces her to try and find a boyfriend. They do so by planning a series of challenges in a notebook. That's how Dash ends up finding the red notebook wedged between his favourite author's books at the Strand, a bookstore in New York City.

Like any one of us, he decides to open it and discovers the challenges. But instead of following the instructions in the journal, Dash plays the game in his own way. They embark on an adventure across New York City during the best—or most detestable—time of the year. The only question is, *Do you dare?*

Many people have probably heard of the Netflix series *Dash & Lily*, but did you know it was based on a book? Well, neither did I at first, but it's definitely worth the read. For those of you who haven't seen the show, I'd recommend watching it after reading the book. It perfectly combines books, Christmas, and a dash (no pun intended) of romance. The best part is, once you're finished with this one, there is a second—*The Twelve Days of Dash & Lily*—and a third book, *Mind the Gap, Dash & Lily*. The show, however, was unfortunately cancelled after a single season. This book is one of my favourites, and it's definitely worth adding it (as well as the other two) to your bookshelf.

Let it Snow, by John Green, Maureen Johnson, Lauren Myracle

A giant snowstorm on Christmas Eve turns a small town into the perfect setting for romance. Who would've thought that love would come from a dreadful hike back home through four feet of snow, a trip to the waffle house, or best yet, an early shift at Starbucks? Let it Snow is a compilation of three short-ish stories, written by John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle, each with their own cast of characters. The characters are all perfectly intertwined in each of the story, making for an interesting read.

One of my favourite things about the novel is how the three stories were perfectly combined. It's a light, fun read that could definitely get you out of a reading slump. Despite taking place on Christmas, the snowy setting makes it appropriate all season. If you're like me and the stack of holiday books you'd like to read before Christmas is way too big to finish before Santa comes down the chimney, this one is also a perfect January or February read.

In a Holidaze, by Christina Lauren

From the popular writing duo Christina Lauren, this holiday romance follows Maelyn Jones, who is pretty dissatisfied with her life. Her job seems to be going nowhere, she's living with her parents, and worse... she just made a "romantic error of epic proportions." But the thing she most dreads is the fact that this holiday will be the last one at the Utah cabin her family has been going to ever since she was born. As she drives away from the cabin for the last time, she's sent back to an airplane to Utah, starting the holiday all over again. Soon, one thing leads to the next and she's stuck in an endless loop reliving her holiday until she finally finds her true love.

I loved this book. While staying true to its holiday theme, it also was deeply anchored on the main character, Mae's journey to finding what truly makes her happy, and yes, finding her "true love." I read almost three-quarters of the novel in one evening (no lie). Yes, this was mostly because it was due back at the Sherbrooke library the next day, but I definitely wasn't bored reading it. *In a Holidaze* had me entertained and questioning what was to come next the whole time. It is originally aimed at a mature audience, but it can be read by YA readers. If you're looking for a page-turner, this could be the book for you.

Talk Santa to Me, by Linda Urban

Francie's family owns a holiday store, but ever since the passing of her beloved grandfather, things have been changing. Her aunt Carole has taken charge of things at the shop, altering the charm that made the Hollydale Holiday Shop what it was. This holiday season, Francie has her hands full as she tries to maintain the magic and nostalgia of Christmas, all while saving up to buy a car and trying to kiss the cute boy that works at the tree lot next to her family's business. *As the weather outside gets more and more frightful, can Francie pull off the holiday of her dreams?*

Don't be fooled by appearances. When my copy got delivered from Indigo, I was taken aback by the book's back cover. Something about Francie knowing where to find the best yak-hair Santa beard adhesive. What a lovely time for the saying *don't judge a book by its cover*. Both heart-warming and funny, it had "Christmas" written all over it. At 280 pages, this book is perfect if you're looking for something quick to read. Something I appreciated was the formatting of the pages. I'd say the font size is around 13, compared to the tradition 11 or 12. While this isn't necessary, I think we can all agree it can be great to breeze through pages of a book. The setting is like all the cozyness of Hallmark movies, with the cheesiness toned down a bit.

So, This Is Christmas, by Tracy Adreen

When Finley Brown returns from boarding school, she expects everything in her hometown of Christmas, Oklahoma to have stayed the same from before she left. But she has quite a big surprise when she finds out that not only is her best friend dating her ex, and her arch-nemesis is working at her grandmother's inn, but that her parents have separated. She's up for another surprise when she sees the boy she tricked into thinking that Christmas was a magical, holiday vacationland. Now it's up to her to make sure he gets the holiday he wanted. So, her holiday ends up being about home, family, friends, and love.

This book has a very Hallmark-esque scenario. Taking place in an inn all decked out for Christmas, what's not to love? If you're looking for a break from more intense stories, this one is perfect. It has just the right story about Christmas, character development and drama. While reading it, I was picturing myself in the picturesque inn. *So, This Is Christmas* perfectly satisfied my desire for Christmas spirit. It will keep you hooked from beginning to end. Andreen followed up her debut novel with a sequel, *So, This Is Love*. I haven't read it, but I'm assuming it's great.

Mistletoe and Murder, by Robin Stevens

The book follows Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong, two young detectives that started their own Detective Society. They find themselves spending the holidays in Cambridge. Hazel has hopes of taking the time to rest and spend time in cozy libraries and tea rooms. However, danger is roaming the halls of Maudlin College, where a terrible accident happens two days before Christmas. The Society looks into the incident and realises that they were faced once again with murder. They try to solve the case while navigating around a rival agency and grown-ups that keep them from investigating. They're going to have to act quickly if they wish to find the murderer before Christmas dinner...

This is a middle grade book but can still be read by an older audience. After all, who doesn't like a quick, easy read? It's the fifth instalment of *Murder Most Unladylike* series by Robin Stevens. While it isn't as festive as the other books, it still incorporates elements of Christmas. It was a quick read, especially with its short chapters. If you're a lover of murder mysteries and detective books, this is the perfect one for you.

The Chaos of Standing Still, by Jessica Brody

Ryn gets trapped in the airport on New Year's Eve. The one-year anniversary of her best friend's death. She meets Xander, and when they

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OPINION

What matters to you

My last day of school

By Maurice Dickenson
Age 9, Homeschooled, Ste-Catherine-de Hatley

Today is my last day of school. I am 9 years old.

To be honest, I only started school a couple of months ago. Up until then, I had always been homeschooled.

At home, I never felt like I had to work. It made learning fun and I learned a lot.

When I was two years old, I learned that numbers could do addition and even learned the powers of two. When I was three years old, I began to read and also began to write letters and simple words. When I was four years old, I was learning about electricity and building circuits.

At 6 years old I was in the newspaper for reciting 314 digits of pi. Last year, when I was in the equivalent of 3rd grade, I placed at the top of thousands of grade 5 and 6 students in a computer reasoning competition.

My parents don't really teach me, I just do activities I enjoy and learn that way. My parents give me tons of books and we talk about what interests me. I have a lot of books on reptiles that are for adults, on rocks and minerals, space, volcanos, and math. I also enjoy reading novels from an animal perspective and the Asterix series.

When I was 4 years old, my father spoke to a special resource person at the school board in Montreal and met with the school representatives to see how I could fit in because I was already quite advanced. My father hoped they could offer some suggestions for school, but instead, they said that we should just homeschool.

After we moved to the Eastern Townships my father spoke to a school out here when I was in the equivalent of 3rd grade. I met the grade 5 and 6 science teacher and we talked about square roots and the table of elements. My father asked whether I could enrol there, but they said they didn't have enough resources for my level.

Instead of regular school, I went to Forest School once a week. I went in the forest, we would always have a fire going, and I built a lot of things with wood. I built a gigantic Titanic out of wood that weighed 18 lbs, a bow and arrow, and a stool with actual sheep wool.

Last year my mother suggested the Montessori school. It seemed much more free; it had interesting classes and looked simply better. When I visited the school with my mother in June, the Directrice said that it would be very free, that I would have a lot of choice, and that I could do woodwork.

I was excited about my first day of school. I was most looking forward to woodwork and robotics. The first day I came I was only going to do school until noon, but the teacher told me that there would be woodworking in the afternoon. I decided to do the full day until 3:30 pm.

When I went into the woodwork class, it was not woodwork at all. We simply took a small piece of paper and glued straw onto it. I thought, is this what they meant, or is this just completely different and the Directrice was wrong? I was very disappointed.

In the end, it was not nearly as free as what was said. We just sit there and do worksheets a lot. I end up wasting my time, learning nothing. It is totally boring. I look at the clock just waiting for school to be over. It is relentless. There is no school on Friday every other week and I took Wednesday mornings off, and that helped a little.

My parents wrote to ask whether they could meet to discuss alternatives, but the Directrice said I could go to grade 5 or 6, but they would not change the approach for me.

Another thing I didn't like was lunch is super loud and I hate that lunch is super short. We had 30 minutes, but when we finished something late, which was quite often, the time was often less. I can never eat much since I am a slow eater.

I enjoyed recess because there is a giant yard and playground. They also have a big gravel area where there are four big slides. But it is only 30 minutes. When I have to put on my jacket and stuff like that it takes away 5 to 10 minutes and then we have to wait at the door until everyone is ready, until we can finally go outside.

What I also liked was when we went to the forest, because sometimes we would light a fire (although this is very rare). Even if we don't light a fire, we can climb trees and run around. I also liked the sports, because we would usually play games. But recently, we were only doing Judo, which is also fun, but not as much as regular sports.

I liked the cours à option, where I got to choose from 7 things including: multisports, allemand, techno, cuisine, échecs and others. You get one of them, which you do every Wednesday for 8 weeks. My first choice was techno, my second choice multisports, and my third was cuisine. I got multipsorts and I liked that.

I also liked making friends. I have made two friends which took a while though. I also like learning French. I went with a teacher on Thursday mornings for one hour, while the others were doing dictées. I enjoyed learning with her, and now I understand a lot more.

When it was reading time, there was a box of books. Everyone crowds around that box. There is a lot of pushing and shoving, but I have a few tricks to overcome this problem. Like picking my book when everybody is finished, but then I don't have much choice left. When we have to clean up the teacher counts 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. I don't like this because it makes everyone push and shove even more.

I only started school at the end of September, so all the other kids had met their teachers before. The first time I went to one of my classes, the teacher came over to me right away and in English he said, "I am a very strict teacher, so if you're nice with me I'm going to be very cool, but if you try to fight with me, you're going to lose". This made me feel bad. I had done nothing, beyond getting my trumpet and sitting down. I am the only kid in class that actually is quiet.

My parents didn't like this either. When the teacher learned he upset me, at least he came to me the next week to apologize. It was good that he apologized, but no one has ever spoken to me like this before. I really didn't like this experience, but he was nice afterwards.

I am very good at Math, so when I got my grade 4 math book it was super easy and each time, I was the first one to finish. To demonstrate to the teacher that I needed harder math, during recess I showed her that I could do a 6-digit square root on paper and a 4-digit one in my head. Then I got a grade 5 math book, and I was still the first one to finish.

I find that overall school is quite boring and not very free. I don't like how it is always very loud and the noise never stops and it makes me crazy. Some aspects are fun though, for instance forest and sports. Forest is basically recess in the forest. The first 15 minutes of sports is like recess in the gym and then we play a game.

As for homeschooling, learning at home is almost 100x better. It is much more free and not loud like at school. There is no pushing and shoving. And I can take my time to eat lunch while it is quiet.

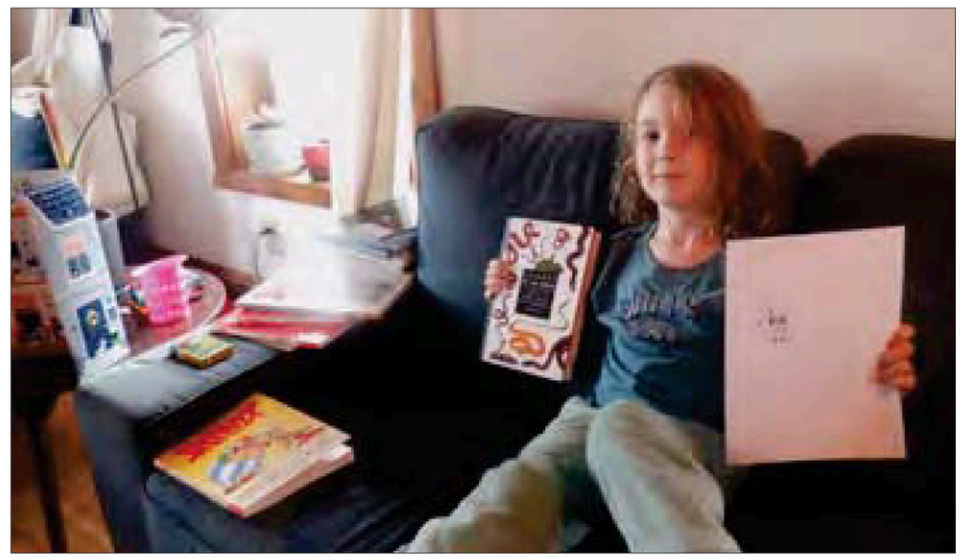
I have to be on my own too, but this is the time when I can read and write in peace. Learning at home is not at all worksheets but learning by simply doing fun things. After two months at Montessori, aside from improving my French, I feel like I learned nothing. For example, I can do grade 9 math, but in school, they gave me questions like 7+10 or 9-4.

In homeschooling, it is harder to learn French as quickly and easily, but we're going to get a French tutor to help. I've already gone back to Forest School for a day, and it was great. For the sports, I play at our gym and will even learn hockey there. We're also looking for some extra activities in town.

What I missed while I was in school was the way I used to learn at home. Every day I came home from school it was starting to get dark (especially in the winter), so I didn't have much time to do my own thing.

In the end, when I put it all together, I would estimate that 94% of me wants to do homeschooling, while 6% of me wants to do school. I have decided homeschooling is best for me.

I hope my parents don't mind.



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Maurice homeschooling.

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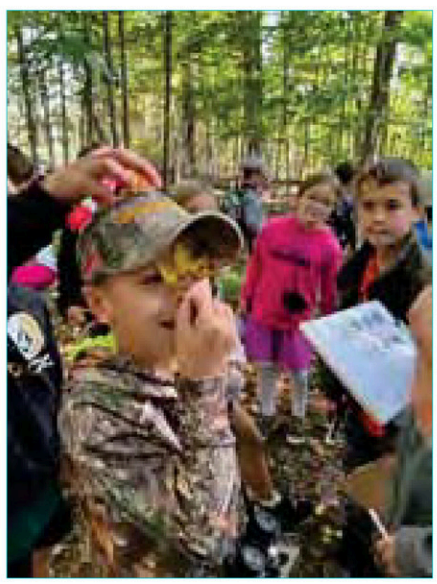
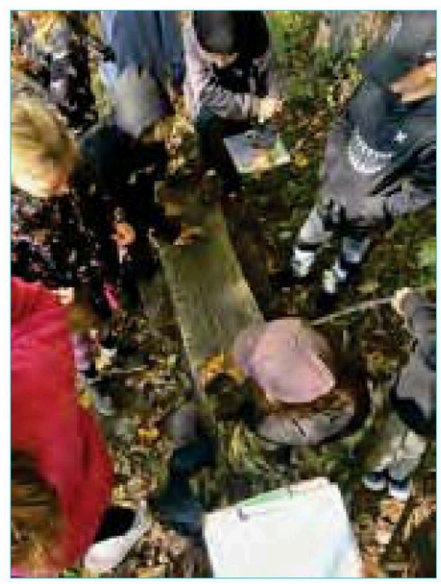
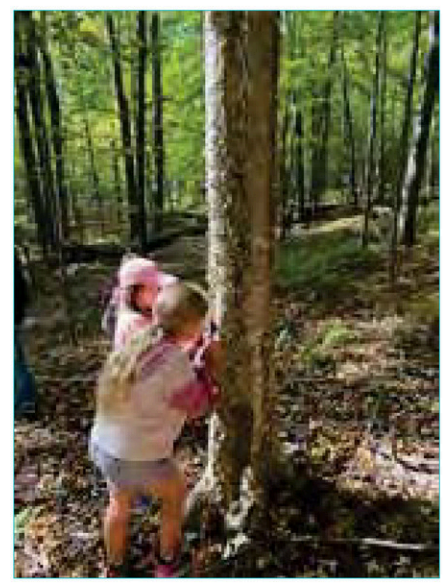
SPECIAL FEATURE

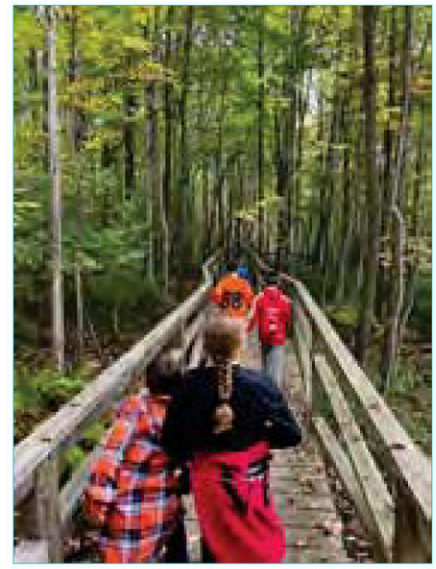
A look back at Fall 2023 with the Massawippi Foundation Nature Education Program

This program currently invites Grade 3 and 4 students from 9 public schools (English and French) to participate in one nature education outing per season (Fall, Winter and Spring). The program is coordinated by Jessica Adams (Nature Nerding) and entirely funded (including bus transportation and a snack!) by the Massawippi Foundation.









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ARTS & CULTURE

SHORT STORY

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By Ruohan Wallis
Age 15, Alexander Galt,
St-Denis-de-Brompton

"Beep!" "Beep!" "Beep!" The sound of Alice's alarm wakes me, and I jump up from the warm nest of blankets fully energized and ready to start a new day. I can't say the same for Alice as I turn to make out her black hair spilling out onto the covers on the front of the bed. She's dead to the world and the sound of the alarm as she continues to snore. Luckily, I am here for her. I bound across the bed and begin licking her face. As I do, she stirs, opens her eyes and starts giggling.

"Pie" she says, gently pushing me away. "Stop! I have to get ready for school."

"Oh!" Her eyes open wide as something seems to hit her. "School! I can't be late for my first day!"

Forgetting I am there she throws off her blankets sending me tumbling off the bed. Startled, I lie there for a moment but regaining my senses, I jump back on the bed and survey the room, my favourite place in the house.

It's easy to realize why – it gives off the air of general coziness and comfort. Aside from the big comfortable bed in the corner of the room, a couple of beanbags rest to the left surrounded by tall bookshelves each bursting to the brim with books. Across the room lies her closet and stands her desk but the thing that sets the room apart is that the walls are covered with thin pieces of paper.

For example, one that is all back, has a centre with a bright yellow circle; surrounding it are more circles, which I heard Alice call "The Solar System." She used to have one with bones until she threw it away after I chewed it up. Which was well – it tasted horrible. The others are all similar in concept relating to science and math, terms I know because once I overhead Alice's big folk say she has a thirst for knowledge in those areas.

My attention is driven back to Alice who has finished bustling around and has rushed out of the room. Not missing a beat because I consider myself as her constant companion, I jump off the bed, stumbling a little when landing, and follow closely behind her. She makes a quick stop at the kitchen grabbing a piece of toast, hugging her big folk goodbye before continuing. She suddenly pauses at the front door causing me to crash into her legs.

She bends down, folding me into a hug, says "Wish me luck!" and hurries out.

I sit watching her get smaller and smaller until she disappears around the corner thinking how I already miss her presence.

I'm curled up on the couch next to one of Alice's big folk, watching her watch the box of moving pictures when Alice bursts through the front door. I am exhilarated, finally she's home! I leap off the couch and run toward her bouncing up and down and weaving in and out her legs. She has a sense of excitement radiating off her which just increases my energy. She laughs, scoops me up and plops herself down on the couch. While she pets me, I listen as she begins to talk a mile per minute to her big folk.

"I met this amazing girl at homeroom today. Her name is Stacy and she struck up conversation with me about the new computer you got me. For the rest of day, she showed me around the school and introduced me to her friends. It was AMAZING and here I was nervous that I wouldn't make any friends like…like..last time…"

She slows here, her smile faltering and her comforting rhythm of strokes seems to slow but then brightens up again. "Oh, Stacy invited me to go to the mall this weekend! Can I go, can I?!"

The second her big folk says "Yes," she jumps up and starts twirling around the living room. I sit there watching her with a feeling of happiness, although not knowing exactly what I'm happy for.

I watch with a mixture of surprise and confusion as Alice turns in different angles in the mirror to view herself. Gone are the clothes I've known her in, the soft sweaters and jeans replaced by what I can only describe as a shirt that seems to be chewed in half revealing her belly button and a short skirt.

Alice stops turning and begins rummaging in a huge bag she brought from the mall that is next to her. A moment later, she brings out an assortment of compact cases, strange looking brushes, and tube-like things. She opens one of the tubes and starts twisting the bottom. As she twists, I cock my head with surprise as something red starts poking up.

Then, a sudden thought hits me: this might be a treat for me! It certainly looks like something to chew on. Excited, I move toward the assortment, sniffing and rummaging for something good. Sadly, I find nothing good in which I raise my head up to look at Alice leading me to jump back with shock.

In front of me stands an unrecognizable person, an intruder! I frantically look around for Alice but she has disappeared. As the protector of this house I do the next logical thing. I begin to growl and bark – this will teach the stranger to stay away.

Except the intruder only giggles and comes close to put an arm around me. I squirm about to bite the stranger when it speaks, "Pie, it's me."

Dragging a cloth across its face, it reveals itself to be Alice. I stare, stunned I didn't know they could easily change their whole appearance. I didn't know why and that makes me scared. By creating this unrecognizable mask how can I recognize Alice, my Alice? Then, I breathe a sigh of relief, relaxing into Alice's embrace, realizing its removable and a one-time thing.

It wasn't. She wears that abomination all the time now. I can't even lick her face because all I get is a mouthful of disgusting tasting powder and grit and she calls me the dreaded bad dog for ruining the time she spent on her face.

That first time came as a shock. She never called me that before and I spent the next few days pondering what I had done wrong. That wasn't only it, one day I found her in her room ripping off the original thin sheets of paper that hung on her wall. Replacing each of them with one from a stack next to her, these new ones weren't at all like the old. The backgrounds were all bright neon colors that made my eyes hurt when looking at them, and all of them seemed to have a person frozen in various poses. They scared me and it now takes great effort to enter Alice's room because I'm afraid they might unfreeze and get me.

All Alice talks about now is Stacy said this, Stacy said that, and Stacy wants me to do. If she isn't doing that, she's on the phone, pushing me away if I try to get her attention.

"I'm sorry" I'll hear her say, "That was Pie. He is so bothersome." No matter how many times I hear that, it will always break my heart.

I begin to realize that the change in Alice has something to do with Stacy, making me despise her. Nothing I do seems to work. Pretty soon, I stop caring and avoid Alice to not hear her hurtful statements. I sit at the doorway of Alice's room, once familiar and comforting, now unfamiliar and strange, and wonder where oh where has the old Alice gone?

I am curled up on the couch which seems to be the only thing I do now-a-days when the door flies open, spilling in two girls. One who I don't recognize, although I could argue that they are both strangers, considering I don't even know Alice anymore. A second later though, it becomes clear. Not even having to hear Alice say it, I know that this stranger is the infamous Stacy. Although I have to do a double take, Stacy looks almost like a replica of the "new" Alice.

Wearily I watch them until Stacy spots me and squeals, "You didn't mention your dog was a poodle. They're my favourite breed!"

She starts rubbing my ears. I thump my tail with pleasure. Huh, maybe she isn't so bad, after all. This is the most attention I've received in a long time.

I feel myself lifted up and hear Stacy exclaim, "Oh, he's so adorable. Look at his -"

I then hear her screech and feel the weightless sensation of falling before colliding onto the floor. Dizzy with pain, I stumble up to see Stacy staring and follow her gaze past my three sturdy legs to the stump that was my back leg. With an expression that looks like she tasted something bad, she whirls around to Alice.

"What is that?!" She screeches. "OMG I can't believe I let that thing touch me! Why do you even own that…that thing?"

Pausing, she seems to regain her composure, her face suddenly morphing into something of mock sympathy and taking on a sickly fake smile. "Look, I'm throwing a party this weekend. You can come but only if you get rid of that thing. Maybe after we can find you a new puppy."

For a moment Alice stands there looking stunned. Then she looks at me, then back at Stacy and something in her expression hardens.

"I'll…I'll think about it," she replies.

Now it's my turn to be stunned, feeling a sense of shock and betrayal course though me. We stand there silently as Stacy gets up, shoots me a repulsed look and a short wavering smile at Alice before leaving, slamming the door behind her.

I stare at Alice who seems to be staring through the closed door. This is it, I think. The Alice I know is really gone. Then, I see a tear trickle down her cheek and using her sleeve, she brings it up to her face wiping off all the traces of the mask. Then she kneels down, reaches out and pulls me into a tight embrace, burying her face into my fur. As we kneel there I savor her presence. Feeling the warmth and comfort as it radiates, knowing that she is doing the same, I know in my heart that we will be okay.

* The title of this story is a play on words, for the mathematical formula π (pi) = 3.1415

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STEPHANIE JONKER'S CLASS

WHERE I'M FROM

By the students of Stephanie Jonker's grade 6 class at St. Francis Elementary School in Richmond

By Jacob Barrie

I am from Nintendo Wii
From tomato soup and
And sharp pin trees just waiting to poke you.
I am from Christmas turkey ,
Big red long protecting us from everything
I am from the maple trees
the sweet taste of maple wrapping me in comfort
I am from card games at Christmas
and long eyelashes,
from my brothers
And Michael Jordan and
My mom and dad
I am from January pajama day
And early Christmas gifts
From you get what you get and you don't get upset
and treat people the way you want to be treated
I am from basketball
I'm from Scotland and France
spinach dip
From backyard playhouse
The tree we could climb on for hours
and the basketball contest in the back
I am from trophies to plaques to commemorate the work
And Disney world carrying us fun for hours

By Emma Herbers

I am from kids running in the neighborhood,
From tacos with nasty dirty hands
and my little blanket with a stain on it.
I am from a big backyard and dents in the garage door from hockey pucks.
I am from the dandelions to pine trees,
And the cactus in the kitchen corner
I am from my grandparents at Christmas opening presents
To trying to brush my long thick blonde hair
From my mom
To dog
and Dad
I am from camping in our backyard
and going to hockey games
From EMMA ROSE HERBERS WHAT WAS THAT NOISE
And believe in yourself and love yourself
I am from doing puzzles with my grandma.
I'm from Sherbrooke hospital,
to taco Tuesday and pizza.
From Christmas morning to the easter egg hunt
and Friday night bored games
I am from NHL games at night
and Mini hockey in the basement
And brunch on Saturday mornings

By Lexi Boersen

I am from our shed in back with our small hand prints,
From tacos on taco Wednesday
and from our old four wheeler to an all muddy afternoon.
I am from a blue comfy environment,
And a dancing floor.
I am from the woods in back and
the garden up front
I am from the morning Christmas brunch
and the family nouchas
from Meme, Peter Pan the man and, my dad
And my mom and her dear parents to her siblings.
and from my sister and neighbour
I am from Saturday pancake breakfast
and a Sunday bacon and eggs morning.
From Lexi, lâche ta soeur
and be careful not to put your face near a dog's face.
I am from not believing in anything.
I'm from the hospital CHUS in Sherbrooke from Opa and Netherlands
and pancakes eggs and bacon brunch on Christmas
From Christmas dinner with family
To being bit in the face by an old dog.
and the tickle wars
I am from Disney with my grandparents
and camping in a chalet.

By Abigail Mastine

I am from my old rusty camp
From fondues and
The warm cozy fire pit.
I am from a big white house,
Smells Clean, like flowers and clean laundry
I am from the tree in the backyard
I am from competitive
and a hunting family
from Maegan
And Mark and
my brother's Cole, Hunter that picked on me all the time
I am from Mastine family reunions
and Christmases with family
From If you have nothing nice to say don't say anything at all
and enough you two, stop fighting
I am from taking care of each other and staying close
I'm from Richmond where the river flows,
turkey and fondues.
From Playing with Jake when I was a baby
the Sliding we would do when there was no power
and the board games and card games
I am from family pictures outside and
love and kindness from my family

By Isaac Dezan

I am from a brick house,
From poutine
And hockey sticks.
I am from cold pool water
Jumping on trampoline
I am from eating apple trees
the staining dandelions.
I am from crazy cousins
and thick brown hair.
From my brother Aymerick
And my cousin Zachary and
My mom.
I am from respectful
and from spending happy Christmas together.
From think before doing something
and don't jump on your sister.
I am from work hard.
I'm from place of birth and family ancestry, juicy pink steak, to creamy macaroni and cheese.
From family trip to New Brunswick,
going cliff jumping,
and the hockey games with my family.
I am from school photos
And family gatherings.

By Adyson Ringuet

I am from windows and rooms
From Sushi and salad
Home phone .
I am from brownish red bricks
Flower smell.
I am from the roses
the maple tree
I am from going to parents'friends house
and funny family
From Chantal David Cameron
And Hunter Walker my dog Dada
and Cloe and Rocky.
I am from cleaning the house before going to friends house
And cleaning the house before people come
I am from i love you
And have a good day.
I am from being honest and help each other
I'm from Granby hospital, meat and salad .
From summer going to La Tuque,
The boat ,
and going fishing
I am from Ontario
and Loving each other.

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POETRY

Where I'm from poems cont'd

By Thomas-Gabriel Kirkham

I am from the Green where the trees shine all around.
From barbecued chicken and the Sun that makes you want to eat ice cream with its rain of heat.
I am from green grass and yellow sunflowers, I am from white walls and red doors that smell like sparkly cleaned plastic-like wood.
I am from the Roses in the yard of centimeters long of grass.
From the Quartz that was found in steep hills of stone.
I am from presents and my family love, house buried in white shivery snow,
and a giant turkey on a Thanksgiving evening.
From my Mom and my Dad, and my Grandma giving me Christmas money and gifts.
I am from my friend Philippe playing video games with me on a Friday night, and having fun playing games with multiple friends.
I'm from grilled cheese at 7:00 on a weekend night, and watching full moons with Mom over the lake.
From my Mom and Dad always calling me Champ and telling me to believe in myself.
I am from love.
I'm from Sherbrooke, Quebec, and from delicious ribs and sushi.
From exciting trips to the sea with Mom and Grandma, watching sunsets from the camper and catching crabs, swimming in the beautiful blue sea, and picking up shiny rocks on the beach.
I am from exploring the forest behind my house with my Dad, taking pictures of weird bugs, and the many hours we spent in our pool during the beautiful sunny summer days.
I am from Banff and The Mountains that goes high above the clouds and
That makes us want to go higher and higher to touch the sky!

By Caleb Pépin

I am from bricks and stones
From poutine and my pillow that was there for me
I am from
dry wall and brick walls
I am from the maple trees and daisies
I am from roast beef on Christmas
and ulcers every week
from my dad, my mom, my sisters
And Jacob and
Liam
I am from we eat chips when we playing UNO
We only put up the Christmas tree after Remembrance Day
From do the dishes!
and Caleb!
I am from red and white flag
I'm from Ireland, steak meat pie on Christmas
From I was Picasso with my poop
and the sky with my dad every weekend.
I am from my precious memory in a frame
and
From the cold weather I was born in

November

By Cecilia Neville
Age 14, Homeschooled, Lennoxville

Cold and hopeless.
After the heat,
Before the snow.
Knowhere to go.

Grey and cloudy,
Makes you pouty.
Tired and lazy,
Harsh and hazy.

Heaven or Hell

By Ezekiel Lemay
Age 9, Homeschooled, Lennoxville

Written before my trip to the Dominican Republic

The wind blows on the ocean,
it makes waves that go
on the sand of the shore
of the hotel,
the hotel of luxury.
The buffet that you want to eat
and you're not able to resist
the smell of the buffet
that you want to put it between your teeth
and devour it in one bite.
The shore makes you want to go in
but if you swim in it you will be devoured by a wave.
The voyage is long
but it is worth the wait
because when you arrive
you are so happy to arrive there
in this place so wonderful and extraordinary.
The sky is shining like a treasure and
The sun is red like a fire burning everything.
The water is like an emerald
under our feet.
But in the water there is not
just some waves that devour you
there is also some jelly-fish;
Without you seeing them,
they electrocute you;
but do not by afraid
there are pools to swim in.
In the water there are also
some algae that will take
my great sister that has a
phobia of algae in the most
deep of the sea.
The palm trees
make me think of an island
with no beginning and no end.
Maybe this is heaven but
who knows ?
Maybe it is the hell
but no body knows.

Holiday books cont'd

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accidentally switch phones, this puts them through the chaos of the busy airport. Ryn is having trouble accepting her loss, which is why she hasn't opened the year-old unread text message on her phone. The two try to pass the time as they wait for their flights.

Tessa & Weston: The Best Christmas Ever, by Abbie Emmons

This book is the sequel to a self-published book by Abbie Emmons, *100 Days of Sunlight*. Tessa and Weston, who met in the first book, are spending their first Christmas together. Tessa isn't crazy about surprises, but the holiday season is an exception, but her mom showing up weeks earlier than usual isn't the type of surprise she likes. When her mom makes some insensitive remarks about Weston's disability, it just makes Tessa want to stay away from her even more. While navigating away from her mom, she tries to make this the best Christmas ever for Weston.

The Best Christmas Ever is told in a dual-point of view between Tessa and Weston, which is definitely interesting. It gives us a look into their perceptions of each other. It's really easy to get into, the chapters are short, and the story is told in a way that makes it easy to read. She recently released her latest novel, *The Otherworld*, earlier this fall.*

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My Book

By Emry-Waven Côté
Grade 6, Magog Montessori School

My teacher Jordan had the idea that I should start writing a book because I have a big imagination and I love reading and writing. I started writing it about a month ago and am almost finished writing the prologue. In the process, my mom and teacher thought I should maybe interview some Quebec authors participating in the Blue Metropolis project. I had the chance to interview two authors, they each gave me tips and told me about how their life as an author is.

My book is called *Nhako's Quest* and here is an excerpt:

Nhako's childhood wasn't quite the dream childhood. His mother died two days after his birth so he never knew her. The only way he could know about his mother was through stories and his dad's endless talk about her.

Nhako was the only winged elf left in his village after his mother died; his mother was a winged elf and his father was a half-elf. The story of how his mother and father met is kind of a classic one. They met through the Mhinjha War. His father's troop was ambushed from the air by his mother's troop who was sent to wipe out the whole army but instead, they only found a small scout troop, which was his father's.

The fight that followed was quite a devastating one. Almost everybody on both sides died, and in the end, there was only his mother and father left (his father was accompanied but his father's war "partner" fled). His mother was badly injured and his father fell for her. When they learned that his mother was pregnant with Nhako they decided to settle in a small village that was for retired elves of war.

His father is a very tall elf in comparison to the other adult elves, so Nhako was always taller than the other kids in his town. His father was also a mighty hero back when the war was still ravaging on (the war is still raging on in different places over the continent). Nhako personally as a young kid always wanted to see/be in a war, though as he got older his father would tell horrible stories of war and Nhako understood that war was actually very horrible.

As his father was a skilled warrior, Nhako was taught the skills his father knew. It was very hard to find friends partly because of his accent, his father's missing leg and eye that would scare lots of kids, and the fact that he was at least a head and a half taller than the other kids. All this led to the fact that he had lots of time to train after school because he was rarely invited by friends to bonfires.

Nhako was very good in school and he loved it. His favourite subject was the history of Angboniake. Nhako was always told to never go outside the big looming walls that kept them separated from the rest of the world. The village that Nhako grew up in was fairly well-built.

The wall was only added two years after Nhako's birth. Nhako could still remember that day when a couple of elves came to their house and delivered the big news. The wall was built in reason to protect the village. A few months before this event they were attacked by a war battalion. When they attacked, the warriors got through the village's defenses easily, so in consequence, a wall was built to protect Angboniake.

A couple of times, Nhako had seen what was on the other side when his father was on watch duty. Nhako always loved to accompany his father. He would often sketch what he could observe. Some of his best sketches are from the lake that was situated a couple hundred meters away from the town. The lake was the town's main source of water: about once a week five villagers with an *Arion*, a type of horse with crow wings and bull horns, would go gather water. Nhako always looked forward to the day when he could accompany the adults....

Sojourner Truth

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I recently read the Narrative of Sojourner Truth, an African-American woman who was born and raised into slavery. Her real name was Isabella, but she later changed her name to Sojourner Truth. She had a son who was taken from her by force, and after the Emancipation Proclamation she fought in court to regain custody of this child, making her the first black woman to win against a white man in court. I found the book to be both enlightening and interesting. It cast a real light upon how sad and gruesome slavery really was, and how the masters brainwashed the slaves into thinking it was normal and right for one human being to own another. There was one story that particularly showed how much of a powerful person Sojourner must have been. I will try to relate it as best I can.

Sojourner once attended a Christian camp in Massachusetts when she was already an old woman. A large group of young men broke in and started to riot and said they would burn down the tents. She became scared and hid, but then she realized that she should at least try to stop the gang. She asked herself this, "Shall I run away and hide from the Devil? Me, a servant of the living God?" She went out and began to talk to them, and she gradually had the whole group's attention. She reproached them for being so wild and evil. She talked for a long time about many things, and when she was finished, they called for her to sing. "All who have ever heard her sing this hymn will probably remember it as long as they remember her." She stood up straight and sang hymns and other songs, and the crowd listened and drank up every word. When she told them she was tired, they asked for more. She agreed to sing one more song on the condition that they would leave afterwards and never come back. She sang, and afterwards, they left and were never seen there again. I hope this shows that you should always be brave and fight your enemies, but that you don't need violence to do so.

YOUNG TOWNSHIPS ARTISTS

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