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HUNTINGDON NATIVE AIMS TO BRING MONTREAL MUSIC TO THE VALLEY

Roxane Trudel was so moved by local venue Grove Hall that she decided to start a series that will bring city musicians to the area.



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MUSIC. On Saturday, November 19th, Grove Hall will host We Are Monroe, a band who has toured with past hall performers such as The Damn Truth on several occasions.

Dubbed a post-punk revival band, the group has been a regular on CHOM FM over the past year and a half. Currently recording an album set to launch this spring, their song "Funeral" earned a spot on CHOM's top 30 best songs of 2015. Composed of Pat Gomes on vocals/guitar, Pete Juteau on bass, Jason Lalonde on guitar and Ben Dupuis on drums, the group "...creates an unpretentious form of dancy, indie rock with an edge based on a drum bass rhythm core referencing what could be best described as the love child between Joy Division and The Killers," says Roxane Trudel—the Huntingdon native who has inspired the Montreal-based band's trek to the Chateauguay Valley.

Montreal resident Trudel moved to the city to pursue an education in marketing and communications—a path that led her to Montreal's underground music scene. Eventually she began collaborating with several influential websites and webzines, including Naked Underground and Nightlife.ca, writing about new music, reviewing shows and conducting interviews. After watching close friends The Damned Truth perform at local art hub Grove Hall, Trudel was inspired. "I was beyond excited! I'm friends with several other great up-and-coming bands as it is a portion of my job, and I've decided to invest time to try and make the



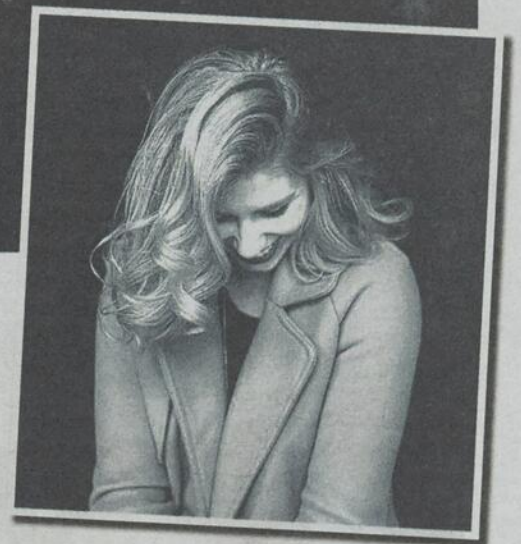
We are Monroe to perform at Grove Hall. Stand Alone Records

valley a sort of hub for new music, a little bit like other towns were able to create," explains Trudel, calling out Sherbrooke's La petite boîte noire as an example.

"We Are Monroe has grown famous for the raw, hard-hitting, high-energy dynamic of its live shows while steadily selling out venues and playing multiple renowned festivals," continues

Trudel. Having shared the stage with the likes of acts such as The Dears and Foster the People, it is certain that We are Monroe is a band that is definitely worth taking note of.

For more information, contact Roxane Trudel at Roxane.trudel30 P.M. Tickets: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door.



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Don't Forget to Treat Your Dog for Fleas

Recently, my entire team of canines came down with a bout of tapeworms.



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As many of you know, I have three dogs and a couple of cats (these are the animals that live in the house with us—I won't go on to explain what we've got going on outside).

There's a significant expense that goes with owning three dogs that each individually exceed 100 pounds, as you can imagine. There's also quite a bit of cleaning up to do. If you're asking yourself why I would take on this extra work, I will point out that all three dogs were already part of our family before we had children, and so it goes. They are quite simple to maintain, as long as I don't forget about things like flea and tick prevention. Which I did. Last month, I forgot to treat the animals for fleas and ticks, which I do on a

monthly basis, as everyone is outside about 90% of the time. And yesterday morning, I found a tapeworm in a pile of dog vomit, which was simply the peak of my morning (our toddler pooped on the floor in the bathroom, so I was already in the zone).

SO. Apparently, one deworming packet won't do it for my beasts—they need three packets in order to treat the worms effectively, over a span of three days (and then I need to inspect their feces, which is also very exciting). While it is cheaper than hauling them all into the vet's office, I also have to treat all three, plus the cats (which is a special joy that I am looking forward to—I mean, have you ever tried making a cat do/ingest anything he/she doesn't want to?) in order to make sure that our entire family doesn't get worms. What I'm trying to say here is that you should remember to treat your pets for fleas and ticks, regardless of the time of year. Because the repercussions are truly gross.



THIS AND THAT IN TOWN

ARCHIVES HEMMINGFORD EVENT

On the 19th of November Archives Hemmingford will host "Remembering the Past & Celebrating the Future" at Club de Golf Hemmingford (313 Rte 219) from 5-8 P.M. The event will boast a spaghetti supper, a silent auction and live music. Admission is \$15. Free for children 6 and under. For tickets call 450 247-2949 or buy at the door.

WORKSHOP: HELPING SENIORS DEAL WITH FRAUD ARTISTS

In partnership with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA), the Little Green Library will be offering workshops to help seniors

deal with fraud artists. The workshops are free for everyone interested, senior or not. The dates are as follows: Tuesday, November 15th at 2 P.M. (French) and Tuesday, November 22nd at 2 P.M. in (English). Although it is not obligatory, persons interested can register by calling 450 264-4872.

LGL VERNISSAGE

Huntingdon's Little Green Library (4 Lorne street) is pleased to announce its next art exhibition on Saturday, November 19th from 2:30-4 P.M. The event will feature pastels by Linda Rennie and Sabine Recklies. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

4TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH HIGHLAND FLING

On Saturday, November 19th at 7:30 P.M. the fling will feature the Elgin District Pipes & Drums. Will take place in the CVR auditorium at 1597 Route 138a, Ormstown. Proceeds will go to the Elgin District Pipes & Drums 2017 Scotland trip. Tickets are \$10 each. For information, call 450 264-3735 or 450 264-5289.

CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAZAAR

St. Johns Anglican Church will host their Christmas Tea and Bazaar on Friday, November 25th, from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Lunch will be served alongside a bake sale and a white elephant table. There will also be a raffle.

CORRECTION

To last week's "Franklin Elementary Prepares for Annual Spaghetti Supper" article, please note that Tamara Stevenson is not the Vice-Principal of the school, but a teacher and an assistant.

NOTE:

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ACTUALITY

More commercial parking in Huntingdon

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TRAFFIC. A partnership between the town of Huntingdon and the Haut-Saint-Laurent Caisse Desjardins has resulted in the development of 26 new parking spaces on the commercial street, rue Prince.

«It was needed urgently in Huntingdon, people are really happy with this development», said Huntingdon's Mayor, André Brunette.

The space, located across the street from the Huntingdon Caisse Desjardins and the Centre civique Gérald Brisebois, was developed at a cost of \$62 000. Yves Léveillé, Director General

of the Caisse Desjardins, indicated that the Caisse contributed \$41 000 which will be disbursed over four years and will ensure a certain number of parking spaces for its members.

The space has remained vacant ever since two residential buildings, considered unsafe, were expropriated and demolished in 2011.

RENOVATIONS TO THE CENTRE CIVIQUE

Mayor Brunette also reported on some renovation work costing some \$72 000 which was undertaken last summer on the building that houses the fire station and the Centre civique Gérald Brisebois. The work, which included renovating the exterior of the building and recovering the roof, is nearing completion.



André Brunette, Mayor of Huntingdon and Yves Léveillé, Director General of the Haut-Saint-Laurent Caisse Desjardins, in the new parking lot on rue Prince. Photo TC Média Mario Pitre

Huntingdon 4-H: Dedicated to the Community

Local 4-H to kick off two new projects, thanks in part to a \$2500 grant.



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AGRICULTURE. On November 10th, the Huntingdon 4-H was selected to receive one of 66 grants of \$2500, provided by Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program, an organization that is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.



(Photo from archives)

A PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY

In 2015, the Huntingdon 4-H put a notable effort into their community involvement, resulting in another project for the non-profit organization—the Citizenship Project, an effort that will focus on doing good deeds for the community. First up, the members will endeavour to raise the funds for a diaper changing table at the local arena for both safety and hygiene purposes. As a result, the Huntingdon 4-H will be seeking donations throughout the weekend of December 17th and 18th at Huntingdon's Promutuel Arena. The organization also aims to host a holiday dance party for kids aged 9 and up on the evening of December 17th following the arena's free skate.

If anyone would like to find out more about the Citizenship Project or submit a suggestion on how the Huntingdon 4-H could improve the community, they can e-mail them at huntingdon4h@gmail.com.

Nominated by local farmer Stacy Jamieson, the club intends to use the grant to acquire rabbit hutches and chicken coops for their Chicken and Rabbit Project, which is to be housed at the Huntingdon Fair grounds due to the generosity of the fair's board members. The monies will also be used to ensure that the barns are made habitable for the animals.

According to their website, the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities' program "...aims to strengthen rural communities by equipping local non-profit organizations with funds to carry out much-needed community work." For the past four years, the program has dedicated itself to improving the lives of those living in rural communities with the help of The Monsanto Fund—an effort that results in a donation of \$165,000 a year.

Hit-and-run in Huntingdon Driver backs into a car and leaves the scene

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POLICE REPORT. The driver of a van is wanted after being involved in a hit-and-run accident at the corner of Châteauguay and F.-Cleyne in Huntingdon on Monday morning.

The victim told police that she was hit by a «white van» while at the wheel of her

car around 8 a.m. and that the driver at fault fled the scene without leaving her contact information. For reasons unknown, the woman driving the van backed up after having made the mandatory stop at the intersection, and her vehicle came into contact with the car behind causing several thousand dollars in damages.

The Haut-Saint-Laurent MRC Sûreté du Québec is asking members of the public to help locate the driver of the «white van».

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Lorne Elliot and Karen Cromar take the stage in *The Fixer Upper*. The Rural Arts Project

Lorne Elliot's "The Fixer Upper" Comes to Huntingdon

Award-winning playwright Lorne Elliot to perform at local venue.



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CULTURE/ARTS. From November 24th to the 26th, the play *The Fixer-Upper* will take the stage at Huntingdon's Grove Hall.

Written by Canadian writer Lorne Elliot (*MOM RUNS AMOK*, *Culture Shock*), the comedy, which has been adapted from Elliot's novella of the same title, tells the story of Bruno MacIntyre, a PEI native who decides to rent out his dilapidated cottage to summer tourists with the help of a reluctant Aunt Tillie. Elliot will play the role Bruno, the main protagonist, alongside Karen Cromar (Aunt Tillie). Formerly titled "Tourist Trap", this play has been produced regularly

across Canada ever since 2000, when it made its debut in Fergus, Ontario.

According to a recent press release, "...the play explores family relationships and communication between generations." The presentation of this play will mark the second co-production between Elliott's production company, Turtle Bay, and The Rural Arts Project at Grove Hall. Last year, locals were privy to the world premiere of *MOM RUNS AMOK* on the local stage, which also featured Cromar—a play which, following its performance at Grove Hall, went on to win the Canadian Playwright's Guild 2015 prize for Comedy.

SHOW TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday, November 24th at 7 P.M. (served with dessert and coffee)

Friday, November 25th at 7 P.M. (dinner theatre)
Saturday, November 26th at 7 P.M. (dinner theatre)

Please note that the hall's dinner theatre, presented by chef Robert Anderson of Dewittville's Planète Terroir, has become a popular option, making dinner reservations necessary. The food will follow a maritime theme in order to emphasize the down-east charm of the evening, with courses being served at short intermissions throughout the show.

Admission is \$20-\$45. For more information, call 514-791-5100. Tickets may be purchased online at www.grovehall.ca.

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Billette completes his second half-marathon Mission accomplished for MNA Stéphane Billette

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SPORT. Stéphane Billette has completed two half-marathons in under six weeks. After the Montreal marathon on September 10, the MNA for Huntingdon was among the 2 731 athletes participating in Ironman 70.3 in Miami on October 23.



Stéphane Billette completed his second Ironman 70.3 in Miami on October 23. (Photo courtesy of)

It took the Government Whip 5 h 59 min 31 s to complete the 1.9 km swim, 90 km cycle and 21.1 km run. He crossed the finish line placing 104th among the 336 participants registered in the 45-49 age category. He placed 939th overall.

«Honestly, my objective was to complete the half-marathon in under six hours. I'm very pleased with my results, especially since I've only been doing triathlon for a year,» stated the 45 year old.

CHALLENGE

The athletes launched the event with the swimming portion off Bayfront Park. Stéphane Billette finished in 55 min 43 s, placing 141st in the middle of the pack.

«I have never done competitive swimming before, particularly in open, salt water with currents.»

Billette was much more at home on his bicycle, after all, last June he participated in

his fourth Grand défi Pierre Lavoie. He finished the 90 km cycle in 3 h 41 min 1 s, maintaining a speed of 33 km/h and placing 96th best time.

The athletes started downtown on Biscayne Blvd at the corner of Flagler St and cycled north west to the entranceway of Everglades National Park. «The route was straight with very few hills. But, the heat and the wind made it quite a challenge,» he said.

For the part on foot, the athletes ran beside the ocean making a circuit of Watson Island. Stéphane Billette completed the 21.1 km run in 2 h 15 min 44 s, placing 104th in his age group.

FIRST IRONMAN

A member of the triathlon club Tri-CAS in Valleyfield, Stéphane Billette devotes some 12 hours a week to training.

«It takes a lot of discipline with my work schedule. The advantage is that I'm an early riser. I'm able to get up to go jogging and cycling at 4:30 in the morning.»

For 2017, the MNA for Huntingdon has challenged himself to participating in his first Ironman at Tremblant on August 20. He will also participate in the half-Ironman on June 20 at the same location after having completed the Grand défi Pierre Lavoie the week before.

Until then, he expects to keep training to stay in shape.

Ormstown October weather

PETER FINLAYSON

The first three weeks of October were lined up to become a fifty year record warm, but then the rainfall and winter temperatures hit.

It was a shock to go from a high of 28 degrees on Oct. 18 (likely a record for that date) down to a high of 3.5 degrees on Oct. 26.

The temperature change resulted in a monthly average of 9.6 compared to 2.9 last year and a ten year normal of 8.6. There have been fourteen warmer Octobers in the last fifty year. The fifty year record high was established in 1971 with 11.7.

Rainfall was sparse throughout the first three weeks but as the cooler temperatures arrived on Oct. 26, Ormstown received 119 mm. or 4.7 inches in 72 hours. The ground was so dry that within three days, the puddles were gone and the combines could come out of the shed. The only problem was that the

soybeans, that were still unharvested, had picked up moisture forcing a lot of farmers to put on the corn head to start corn harvest. There are still a lot of beans to be harvested by months end in the Ormstown area. The total rainfall for October was 175 mm. or 6.9 inches.

The killing frost this year was on Oct. 14 compared to the average date of Oct. 9. We received 3440 heat units for the summer, while average is 3239. The combination of timely rains with lots of heat has produced a crop of grain corn averaging about 5 metric tons or 197 bushel per acre.

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