

SADD Mansonville introduces new youth board



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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre is proud to introduce the youth members who form this year's Students Against Destructive Decisions board of directors for the 2014-15 youth group year: Yanni Barnett, Alexandria Charby, Natasha Charby, Kira Nichols and Jacob Woodard.

The group meets weekly on

Fridays at the Youth Centre from 6 - 7 p.m. to organize activities, create prevention and awareness campaigns, take part in community events and to build their leadership skills through their efforts as part of the SADD team working together.

The first Mansonville SADD chapter started through the Volunteer Centre in 1987 and the group has been going strong in Mansonville since. SADD's mission is to empower youth to empower themselves. The SADD motto is: "If we can dream it, it can be done."

It is with this statement in mind that the Mansonville SADD chapter, small in comparison to SADD groups affiliated with high schools, continues to work to better life and create positive change in educating youth and parents on issues where destructive decisions are possible.

The Mansonville SADD does what it can to support the local elementary schools. Last year the group donated new microwave ovens to each of the two local schools in aid of their hot lunch programs. This year the SADD board has decided to make a monetary donation for the schools to use where they feel the funds are most needed to benefit the students. SADD is supported by former SADD members who have formed a group called Former Youth Involvement and together the two groups work to organize events like the annual Winterfest outdoor family fun day that is attended by more than 200 people each year.

SADD holds awareness days where the youth set up information tables at the local grocery stores and hand out promotional materials and answer questions about the movement.

The list of SADD-initiated events is wide, ranging from coffee house musical evenings to leadership building retreat weekends; the dynamic group is active and involved.

SADD recently held their annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser which raised over \$2000.00! The group is grateful to all of the businesses and individuals who donated. On Nov. 22, SADD will hold a second hand jewellery sale at the Youth Centre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of items such as jewellery, scarves, purses, DVDs, CDs are appreciated. Contact the Youth Centre to donate.

To learn more about the



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These happy people are the new youth board of directors for the SADD Mansonville chapter.

Mansonville SADD chapter, visit the volunteer centre's website at www.cabmn.org or, if you have questions about SADD, call the Youth Centre located at 282 Main Street in Mansonville at 450-292-4886.

Want to make a donation to

SADD? You can do so by sending a cheque payable to SADD Mansonville Chapter and sending it to the Youth Centre at the address above, the postal code is J0E 1X0.

All donations are appreciated.



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SADD and FYI joined forces for the annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser, held on Oct. 25.

Attention local artists and artisans

Calling all artists, artisans, craftspeople, and talented Townshippers who offer goods and services.



The Record is planning a pre-Christmas special edition November 28 with gift ideas that will allow Townshippers to shop locally this Christmas for a range of unique gifts that support our local artists and small businesses.

Whether it's knitted socks for skiing, a gift certificate for piano lessons or dog-sitting, or a painting of a local landscape, The Record is encouraging people to shop close to home this Christmas season.

Those with Christmas gift offerings are invited to submit a small photo and 15-20 word description of their products or services along with \$25 before November 21 to The Record, 1195 Galt Street East, Sherbrooke, QC, J1G1Y7.

You can also submit your photo as a jpg along with a description to classad@sherbrookerecord.com

Partage/Share prepares for their annual Christmas baskets

By Mable Hastings

As the holiday season approaches, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre Partage/Share food bank is asking folk not to forget those in need at Christmas time as, again this year, committee members and volunteers prepare for the food bank's annual distribution of Christmas baskets.

Non-perishables can be dropped off at the volunteer centre offices located at 314-A Main Street in Mansonville or placed in containers located throughout the area (in churches, the town hall, and other businesses). Should donors wish to make a monetary gift, they can mail it or drop it off at the above address.

If you would like to receive a Christmas basket and live in the Potton or Bolton East area, you must go in person to the office and fill out a request form by Dec. 1. All requests are, of course, treated confidentially.

After the Dec. 1 deadline, any requests for a Christmas basket



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Norma Clifford, June Peacock, Wanda Leonard and Claire Rodrigue, some of the members of the Partage/Share Committee at a recent meeting to discuss preparations for the Annual Christmas Baskets.

will be denied, although normal food requests can still be made.

The Centre's Partage/Share Committee extends its gratitude for the generosity shown during the holiday season. Without the support of the community, busi-

nesses and donors, the Christmas baskets would not be possible.

For more information about Partage / Share, visit the volunteer centre website at www.cabmn.org or call the office at 450-292-3114.