Bikes out for a good cause in Fleurimont

6 bikes and $45 000. That is what the Charles Bruneau Foundation Bike Tour’s new Découverte Sherbrooke bike path amassed for its first ever edition last Saturday.

“We are super excited about our wonderful success” said event director Marie-Claude Lachance. The event exceeded its target amount of $30 000.

The Charles Bruneau Foundation Bike Tour is composed of many different treks for cyclists to complete. The treks raise money for pediatric cancer research. This new path on the tour is of 50 to 100 kilometers, significantly less than the 600 kilometers offered before. Lachance said that the goal of the trek was to be accessible to less advanced cyclists.

“We’re looking to grow, to show people what we are doing and innovate.” She explained. “It’s all of the children in Quebec who will benefit from this.”

The Charles Bruneau Foundation has already funded a new wing at the CHUS in Sherbrooke, giving a $1 million donation. Many of the participating bikers at the Découverte Sherbrooke bike path were CHUS employees, according to Lachance. With their collaboration, she expects the event to gain more momentum next year. “We have a good partnership with the CHUS.”

A wonderful surprise arrived at the Parc Quintal, where the bikes took off. Nichole Salazar, the 14-year-old spokesperson of the Découverte, said a few words to the crowd.

“Last summer was a terrible one for me.” Said the young ovarian cancer survivor. “But I know that this one will be great, all thanks to the Charles Bruneau Foundation.”

Salazar is now in remission. She had a surgery provided by a Charles Bruneau doctor last year.

“It was a perfect day.” Said Lachance.

Donations can still be made on the Charles Bruneau Foundation website. The foundation hopes to raise $3 million dollars. So far, they have a little over a million.

Annual Youth Talent Show in Mansonville

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) youth program will be holding its Annual Youth Talent Show on Saturday, June 17 at 7:00pm in the gymnasium of the Mansonville Elementary School in Mansonville. Cost for admission is $5.00 per adult and youth are admitted for free.

Youth performing range in ages 5-16 with the majority of performances by the Saturday dance group for youth ages 5-12 that meets weekly from 1 to 3pm at the centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville. The dance program is offered through the CAB free of charge from October to December and then breaks for the ski season starting up again in March through to June.

This year the Youth Centre has been fortunate to have Patricia Lachance, parent volunteer helping the staff with the program. Recently, an older youth, Aleeyah Cervinka also signed up to start lending a hand. Volunteers are always welcome and as the show approaches each year there are always lots of things to do.

Dances in the show will include a variety of songs both new and not so new. The youth have worked hard and all they hope for in return is the joy of seeing the smiling faces of those who attend to cheer them on. Whether it is a five year old smiling from ear to ear as she tries to remember each move or a more seasoned youth of ten who has perfected both feet and hand moves simultaneously, there is just something wonderful about watching kids as they give all they have to do a performance.

Rededication ceremony at the Anglican Church of the Epiphany

A special ceremony of rededication was held Anglican Church of the Epiphany in Way’s Mills on Friday afternoon, officiated by the Venerable Archdeacon of the Diocese of Quebec, Father Edward Simonton.

Although the church, which dates back to 1881, has gradually lost all its congregation through attrition, the efforts of a group of donors ensured the building’s restoration and the preservation of a piece of local history.

The church is currently host to one Christmas service a year held by candle-light, since it is still only lit by its original 19th century lamps.


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A variety of desserts will be served at shows end giving parents and family a chance to visit and have their photo taken with their little star. According to some of the performers, autographs may also be available upon request.

For more information about the show or to learn more about the CAB’s many programs visit: www.cabmn.org or call the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.