

# Dancing up a storm at Potton's Youth Centre



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With the start up of the ski season, the Missisquoi North Youth Centre Saturday Dance program will break for a few weeks to allow the youth time to enjoy some outdoor skiing and snowboarding. The group of youth ages 5-12 years has been meeting since the fall to start preparing for the 2018 Talent Show that will be held in June. On Saturday, December 9 parent volunteer, Patricia Lachance and YC Staff threw the group a dance party with snacks and fun at the CABMN Youth

Centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville. Once ski season winds down, the weekly dance group will re-start through to the show in June. This year's theme is a Salute to Musicals and the numbers are already proving to be amazing and a sure walk down memory lane.

The party on December 9 included

music with DJ Jerk, Jeremy Eldridge who volunteered his time and talents. The kids enjoyed the event and great fun was had by all. To find out more about the CABMN Saturday Dance program, contact Mable Hastings at 450-292-4886 or visit the website at [www.cabmn.org](http://www.cabmn.org)



# Magog ready for winter with rinks and slides

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The City of Magog opened its ice skate path, the ice outdoor rinks, and the Municipal Sliding Area Sunday, just in time for holiday enjoyment.

The 2.5 km ice path runs along the shores of Lake Memphremagog. It is lighted and a heated chalet is available

at each end. Opening hours, which also apply at the Merry Point Ice Rink, are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The rinks in the Hautes-Sources, Maurice-Thérout, Princess Elizabeth, La Ruche High School, Omerville, des Patriotes and du Ruisseau parks are open Monday to Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the exception of that at La Ruche High School, which is open from

4 to 9 p.m.

The supervised and illuminated sliding area is located at the launch ramp on Hatley St. The area is equipped with heated building for users and is open Thursdays and Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends, public holidays and pedagogical days.

To locate the various parks, the City

of Magog has provided an interactive map of parks and green spaces on the city website: [magog.qc.ca/parcs](http://magog.qc.ca/parcs).

To learn about the conditions and schedules of the ice trail and outdoor rinks, the public is invited to contact the Info-Conditions line at 819-843-0011. For the sliding area, the number to call is 819 843-1927.

# Christmas basket campaign

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"It's too many to name; there are so many people who want to help," commented Young.

The families on the list to receive a basket are from the Ayer's Cliff area; the names come from the Magog food bank, local schools, or through word of mouth.

They could include a family that just had a baby, an older couple where one partner broke a hip, or a single parent trying to make ends meet. Others might be a recommendation from a perceptive neighbour, aware of a need but also aware that not all families feel comfortable coming forward to ask for help.

The baskets are often tailored specifically to the needs of the family.

The Christmas baskets are picked up through school or Beulah United, or delivered by volunteers. Most reached their destination over the weekend.

"Some families are surprised," Young said, when someone arrives at their door with a basket. "Well, somebody knew you could use it," he replies.

The IGA grocery store chain has a

campaign where it makes pre-prepared bags of non-perishable essentials available for \$10. Anyone wanting to help out can buy a bag, which goes to local food banks for distribution. This year, Young said the Ayer's Cliff Christmas Basket campaign received over 150 bags of food.

According to Young, one local donated \$1,000 worth of pork to add to the baskets.

The Ayer's Cliff Christmas Village committee also gave all of its extra candy bags to the campaign to add some sweet treats.

Young said the campaign also receives financial donations which it uses to add some perishables to the baskets for a Christmas dinner.


There is no shortage of people willing to help out, Young said. There were originally 26 baskets prepared, and then at the last minute, someone came forward on behalf of a community member currently in a difficult situation.

"The guy told me If you don't have something, let me know, I'll do something myself," Young said.

Beulah United maintains a small food

bank year-round that is stocked regularly by community members. They also keep a small financial reserve for emergencies, so preparing one more basket

was no problem, Young said.



**CORRECTION**

Please note that the advertisement for Volvo Sherbrooke that appeared in The Record on December 15 was incorrect. There is no test drive this year for Centraide. The Record regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

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