

LOCAL NEWS

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Light up the park with memories in the dark



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Sadly, we all know someone we have lost to cancer and likely we all know someone who is fighting the disease right now. The fear, pain and anguish faced in the often unpredictable path of this illness can be devastating to the person going through it as well as the family and friends surrounding them.

On Saturday, May 19 at 8:00pm, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group will sponsor a special evening in Potton along with the help of Barbara Oliver and CABMN staff and volunteers. The event will benefit the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life with all proceeds and donations going to the cause.

The CABMN approached Barbara Oliver knowing that she had participated in the Relay for Life activity in the past in Magog. With her expertise, re-

sources and guidance, the CABMN youth, staff and volunteers are organizing this event in hopes of giving Potton and the surrounding community the opportunity to come together in the center of town to remember, support, encourage and celebrate the lives lost, those fighting, those who have conquered and those who may one day face this disease.

In collaboration with the Relay for Life and the Canadian Cancer Society, luminary bags will be sold for \$5.00 each through the CABMN and volunteers. The bags display the names and a message as requested by those who purchase a luminary as a memory, in honour or encouraging someone.

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In June, spokesperson for the event, Barbara Oliver will go to the Relay for Life in Magog and present the money raised from Potton toward the fundraising efforts. Anyone wishing to can also make donations apart from the luminary bags...this can be done the evening of or by contacting the CABMN at 450-292-3114. Leave a message at reception and a staff member helping to organize

the event will happily contact you.

A duplicate luminary of all sold in Potton will be placed in a special area at the Magog Relay for life in June. This is possible because the SADD group has furnished the luminary bags and flameless candles for this event and the Cancer Society will furnish another for the Relay for Life event as part of each \$5.00 donation. Since this is the first time an event like this is being held in Potton, luminary bags are available for purchase while supplies last. The hope is that there will be some available at the event as well.

The main purpose of this initiative for the organizers and the SADD youth sponsors is to give people the opportunity to come together and remember or honour the special people we will never forget and those being encouraged with love and support. Please join the community as it lights up the park with memories in the dark, together.



Lieutenant Governor

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and former Sherbrooke police chief Michel Carpentier, who has committed his retirement to a variety of causes including organ donation and obesity awareness.

Claude Metras of Sherbrooke was the sole recipient of the Lieutenant Gover-

nor's gold medal, reserved for situations of exceptional merit, in recognition of his long-term and significant contributions to arts and culture in the city.

"You are all examples," the Lieutenant Governor said. "These medals are the mark of our appreciation for the spirit you put into helping others."



PHOTOS BY GORDON LAMBIE
William Savary of Champlain College.



Bradley Daignault of Alexander Galt Regional High School.

Clean up day



CLAUDE CHARRON

The Lennoxville community marked Earth Day one day early this year by holding its annual community cleanup day. According to Borough President Claude Charron the event had an excellent turnout, with over 150 people coming out to help with a little spring cleaning in and around the heart of the community. Groups represented by volunteers included Bishop's College School, the Lennoxville Scouts and Girl Scouts, and Hope Community Church. Charron also pointed out that Sherbrooke Mayor Steve Lussier and his family came to pitch in.



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