

# Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre Silent Auction fundraiser



## THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

Saturday evening, Feb. 23, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) held its 5th Annual Silent Auction fundraiser in the Catholic Church basement in Mansonville. The evening began with a Chili Supper benefiting the Ken Jones Centre. The auction followed at 7 p.m. with over 100 people in attendance.

The items up for bid were donated by many businesses throughout the community and beyond as well as by individuals and families who wished to contribute something for either the silent or live portion of the evening. It is the generosity of ALL of those who gave that made the event such a successful one.

Following the chili supper and time spent conversing with friends and neighbours, the CAB Auction hosts, Jennifer Sherrer (CAB board member) and Jason Forget (FYI committee member), got down to business explaining to all how the auction would unfold. The 100 plus silent items up for bid were auctioned off in three separate colour coordinated lots.

During each half hour of silent bid-



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*Auctioneers Mable, Jason and Jennifer had the crowd bidding up a storm!*

ding, live items were auctioned off to an enthusiastic crowd. All of the bidding and paddle raising made for a fun evening of laughter and shopping; lots and lots of shopping! In the end, the event brought in a profit of approximately \$4,000 to benefit the CAB's many programs.

"I came for the maple syrup," said Steve Romain who traveled from Ottawa

to attend the CAB event. "I ended up paying a little more than the value because I wanted to support the organization as I feel it is doing great things for the community."

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For many, the event provided an evening of entertainment and even though they didn't win anything they bid on, it was fun to watch the "all in good fun" competition unfold and to be a part of it all.

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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre and the Ken Jones Centre wish to thank all who donated to or attended the event. They hope to see you at the sixth annual supper and auction in 2014!



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*Paul, Rick, Murielle and Trish. Ken Jones Center volunteers cooking up the chili in the kitchen...*