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## Holiday Wishes from the Mansonville Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

By Mable Hastings SHERBROOKE

he Mansonville chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is sponsored by the Missisquoi North Youth Centre. This year, nine youth (some of whom are pictured here) ages 12 to 17, meet weekly to share ideas, organize events, support community initiatives and develop leadership skills as well as team building.

Recently the group has attended events promoting and serving "mocktails" as a non-alcohol option for parties and events when celebrating with friends over the holidays. Mocktails, cocktails without the alcohol, are an easy alternative made with punch, frozen juice, 7-up and sliced fruit. With juices coming in a variety of colors, those creating the drink can make a festive impression on guests while giving their mocktail a name that suits the occasion. As an example, SADD created their version of "Potton Punch" and "Townships Tickle" among other catchy names. SADD bought a carbonating machine and can carbonate their mocktails as well, adding some fizzy fun to the



The 2015-16 Mansonville SADD Chapter is made up of: Alexandria Charby, Sahara Jacob, Alex Cardinal, Cassidy Chapman, Natasha Charby, Alex Fidler, Yanni Barnett (all appearing in photo, left to right) as well as Jacob Woodard and Dawson Lassemba who were absent when the photo was taken.

This past week, the SADD youth glasses! The "SADD Attitudes for Living" Board of Directors received their newest shirt encourages youth to "Believe in promotional t-shirts and matching sun- yourself, strive to make a difference, in-

spire others, and laugh along the way." These hardworking youth are determined to encourage their peers to join them in encouraging and supporting other youth who are faced with a variety of tough decisions on a daily basis.

The Mansonville SADD Chapter would like to remind all of you to be safe this holiday season. If you are going to party with friends, don't drink and drive. Because you can't always predict the actions of others, use caution when driving and always buckle up. The youth would like to wish everyone the best that the holiday season can bring with health and happiness for all.

For more information about the Man-SADD chapter, www.cabmn.org or for more information about the SADD organization, visit www.sadd.org

SADD's slogan is, "If we can dream it, it can be done." The Mansonville SADD continues as it has for the last 27 years in Potton with these youth hoping to make a positive difference as the many youth before them did.

## Lenn video store gone but not lost

By Matthew McCully SHERBROOKE

hile news has already spread through the grapevine that Club Video Lennoxville will be closing its doors on Dec. 24, business owner Daniel Rouleau said all is not lost; the video store will be giving a copy of all of its doubled films to the Lennoxville Library.

How the library makes them available will be entirely up to them, Rouleau said, not knowing if they will choose to rent or lend the films.

"It's way too many movies for one household," Rouleau laughed, as he and his brother Nicolas were deciding what to do with remaining inventory after liquidating everything possible.

"We might as well give back to the community," he said, "at least they won't be lost or thrown

The video store has a long history in town, with the business changing hands and locations a num-

Rouleau and his brother have had the business since they bought the building where it is located at 175 Queen Street since 2004.

"It was mostly VHS when we bought it," Rouleau said, explaining that the store has been building a massive DVD collection for the past 11 years.

"There are a whole bunch of classics, they get used by schools," Rouleau said. "We want to make sure they will still be available."

Jael Remillard, who has been running the store for the Rouleau brothers for the last seven years, said the store is in liquidation mode over the next two weeks.

"We're working shifts we wouldn't usually," Remillard said, working on cataloguing all the



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Club Video Lennoxville will be closing its doors Christmas Eve, but co-owner Daniel Rouleau is ensuring its

movies that will go to the library, and matching DVDs with covers for customers who want to buy

"You have to go with the times," Remillard said, about the store closing.

"The clients aren't losing," she added, pleased the owners will be making the large donation, which will likely send more traffic to the library.

Remillard said the store's film collection is a unique one. Over the last few years, people from the community had been requesting older, harder to find movies rather than just the latest block-

While you could still rent a film now, practically everything in the store is for sale. With doors closing officially on Dec.24, the final week the store will be open for returns and sales only.

## Richmond Library gets Geological heritage present

By Claudia Villemaire

he Richmond municipal library was the proud recipient of two special volumes donated by Canada's Geological Heritage branch, Natural Resources Canada. The books, one each in English and French were the prize won by former Richmond resident Rejean Couture, now located in Drummondville as subdivision head with the Geological Survey of Canada.

"When they presented the latest competition encouraging us to compose a text typifiying the wealth of natural resources canadians can learn about, I was very surprised to find my name among the winners who had, by the way, agreed before entering the competition to donate a book on Canada's Geological heritage to the library of their choice," Couture explained at the presentation last Wednesday.

The volume, written in simple language, showcases Canada's diverse landscape and unique geological heritage, with pages filled with interesting facts and excellent photographs of the subject, describing the evolution of the Canada we know today compared to maps and photos compiled by scientists showing the earth's quite different topography through the ages.

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