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Weather



TODAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 33
LOW OF 20



TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 32
LOW OF 17



WEDNESDAY:
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 8



THURSDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD
HIGH OF 19
LOW OF 8



FRIDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 11

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mansonville Chapter holds awards ceremony



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

The Covid pandemic has made the past 16 months of youth centre activities at the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre(CABMN) Youth Centre a challenging and creative time for the Ethan Ball, Coordinator and Eleanor Cote, Animator of the programs offered through the non-profit. Being able to keep the youth interested and implicated has meant changing things up and finding new ways to stay connected to the youth in the community.

One group that has maintained its involvement is the SADD chapter that has found a variety of ways to follow pandemic directives yet remain a congealed, active and supportive group in the community. With twelve implicated youth and two youth participants with part-time residence



The SADD gathered for an awards dinner

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in Potton, the group ranges in ages from 11 to 16 with some dynamic participants contributing to its success and sustainability.

On Saturday, June 5 the SADD group was invited to a special awards ceremony held at the youth centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville. The event started at 4:00 p.m. and continued through to 9:00 p.m., with awards (the Ducky's), the awarding of the official SADD member of the year plaque spanning three years of recipients being recognized, Kate Eldridge (2017 and 2018), Savannah Jersey (2019) and Nora Webster for 2020, as well as continued excellence in volunteerism certificates that was presented to members. For Inspiration

and fun Youth Centre Coordinator, Ethan Ball presented each SADD member with a personalized prize recognizing individual characteristics of each youth: the always tardy award, the newbie award, the super model award and so on.

It is impossible not to implement some fun in an activity when youth gather and therefore, a pizza dinner and a variety of Covid safe games were organized with a variety of prizes to win. The games included "fear pong," "costume department improve" and an impromptu auction of farm animals. The fun continued with spontaneous karaoke and outdoor antics when the downpour of rain permitted.

Animator, Eleanor Cote was presented with an award of a set of baking dishes in recognition of all of her baking throughout the year that was delivered to SADD and MAYO/JAM youth in some of their weekly at home delivery packages made by the duo of Cote and Ball throughout the pandemic.

"In a year like no other," stated Ball, "I truly feel that we have had the participation of youth like no others. Going forward I am confident that this group will continue to grow and inspire others in the community."

Visit the Youth Centre Facebook page at: Mansonville Maison des Jeunes / Youth Centre-Missisquoi North

For more information about the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre visit: www.cabmn.org



SADD board 2021

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