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Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre offering youth programs this summer



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

Thanks to the support of the Municipality of Potton Mayor and Council, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) will be offering some youth programming during the summer months for the first time! Normally the Youth Centre breaks for the summer allowing the staff and youth to benefit from a rest during the months of July and August after a busy youth program year. The

pandemic presented the Centre with a busy year but not one that allowing the youth to participate as much as usual. Youth Centre Coordinator, Ethan Ball submitted an idea that would allow he and a youth assistant to offer some programming during the summer while respecting Government directives.

Reading Park will give parents and youth a designated day and time to come to the Youth Centre backyard where blankets, books and a snack will be available as youth choose to read a book, parents can read to their children and volunteers/staff will be on hand to read to kids as well. This program will compliment and extend the lending library that the Youth Centre offered throughout Covid, where staff brought books to the youth each week going door to door for all who registered.

Ball and his new youth assistant, Kate Eldridge (who has been a CAB volunteer during the last two summers and who is an active member of SADD-Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Youth Programs), started their

planning. The two will offer a soil study project for youth as an extension to the MAYO (Mansonville Agricultural Youth Organization) program of the CAB that promotes hobby farming with youth implicated in chores, animal care and food growth and preparation. The soil study will provide interesting information on the effects of hobby farming and animal keep on the land.

Saturdays will be community awareness day where Ball and Eldridge as well as youth volunteers will highlight events, projects, businesses and community landmarks as well as volunteer initiatives in the area. This will include visits to the Public Markets in Potton and Bolton-Est. Celebrating the area in which we live, the postings/sharings will be done from a youth perspective, giving what is sure to be an entertaining view of local happenings.

“The Municipality of Potton as well as others in the MRC Memphremagog West have been extremely supportive of our programs,” shared Ethan Ball.

“We approached the Municipality of Potton with the idea of offering extra programming this summer, and they agreed to help.”

The summer programing also serves as a training opportunity for younger youth who are not yet of age to apply for government funded summer student employment projects. This program will help younger youth to learn commitment, work skills such as dress, punctuality, public speaking, promotion, and working with youth as mentors and leaders. The CABMN hopes that this project will motivate youth in the community to seek local employment during the summer sharing their skills and experience as part of being involved at the CABMN youth centre and its leadership building programs.

For more information about the summer programs at the CABMN Youth Centre visit www.cabmn.org or their Facebook page at: <http://www.cabmn.org/maison-des-jeunes> or call the Youth Centre and leave a message at 450-292-4886.

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

524. - Junction of the Magog and St. Francis river in 1850, Sherbrooke P. Q. - From the Art Gallery.



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Not far from our building, you'll find the Gilbert-Hyatt Bridge over the Magog River. It is the eighth bridge in this place since 1811. The first wooden bridge was known as the Magog Bridge (1811-1835) and then the Lower Magog Bridge (1835-1905). In 1905, it was renamed the Dufferin Bridge, for Lord Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada (1872-1878). Reinforced by an iron frame in 1880 and reconstructed in steel in 1922, it was reconstructed a final time in 1980 and renamed the Gilbert-Hyatt Bridge, for the pioneer of the same name. The postcard from approximately 1905 reproduces an engraving from the 1830s, showing the confluence of the Magog and Saint Francis rivers, with the Magog Bridge on the right and the Aylmer Bridge (built in 1837) in the distance.

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Kate at the lake



Ethan at the wharf

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