

Local News

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“Pottonman” embarks on a selfless sports triathlon for charity



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

I write a weekly “Scoop” column for this newspaper however in my work life I am the Director of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Mansonville. I have never met Marc Van Oordt (aka “Pottonman”) in person. Van Oordt contacted me as the Director of the volunteer centre, a non-profit community organization offering weekly programs and services to a diverse clientele in the MRC Memphremagog west and located in Mansonville. Van Oordt, an avid sportsman wanted to do a “triathlon fundraiser” to benefit the CABMN programs for youth, seniors, the mentally and physically challenged...as a way of celebrating

the community where he has chosen, along with his wife of 23 years, Annabelle Ambroise to make their home.

Van Oordt was prepared to reach out to friends, family, businesses and other potential supporters to ask for financial support requesting donations be made to the CABMN. True to his word this selfless sports enthusiast has given this challenge both his physical commitment in establishing a demanding training routine as well as his all in reaching out and coordinating, alongside the CABMN a painless efficient way for folks to contribute to his cause.

A triathlon is a sport combining swimming, biking and running (in that order) in events of different distances. The “Pottonman” event will take place on Sept. 12, 2021 from 6 a.m. through to 9 p.m. that evening.

“To date, I am extremely proud of the support that I have been given and the donations that have been steadily coming in in support of the CABMN,” said Van Oordt. “I want to thank “Record” readers who have donated and seeing names of people I have never met makes me feel motivated and validated in my efforts,” he added.

Van Oordt has a following. Along

with donations that have come in to the CABMN, all of which are followed up with a receipt sent to the donor for income tax purposes, the messages attached are heartfelt, inspiring and genuine. In fact, in talking with Van Oordt, the adjectives I just used are ones that would apply in describing this man. His validation, affirmation and motivation seem to stem from not only a love for sport but also his pride in helping others and contributing to a community he is proud to call home.

There is still time to support “Pottonman” and to send a donation in any amount in support of his efforts. You can go to the CABMN website at www.cabmn.org and donate via Canadahelps, you can send an e-transfer to infos@cabmn.org or you can send or bring a donation to the CABMN main office at 314B Principal in Mansonville. Be sure to mention “Pottonman Fundraiser” in donating so that your contribution will be noted in support of his efforts. For information call: 450-292-3114.

In the wee hours of morning on Sept. 12, as most of us are curled up in our beds sleeping- in on a Sunday morning, Marc Van Oordt will embark upon his journey as “Pottonman”



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facing hours of physically demanding and mentally challenging exertion. By evening, our “Pottonman” will embrace his wife and children knowing that he fulfilled a lifelong dream while bettering his beautiful “neck of the woods” in raising funds for the CABMN and its programming to benefit the community.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

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The City of Sherbrooke will mark Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by lighting up the front of City Hall in yellow until Sept. 8.

Cancer is the leading cause of dis-

ease-related death among young people. In the Eastern Townships, the Leucan organization supports nearly 200 families affected by a type of childhood cancer. Several fundraising activities are organized in the region to raise funds to support research.

“Children are the wealth and the future of a society. With this gesture, we want to show our compassion for them and their families, who must fight a daily battle against cancer,” Sherbrooke Mayor Steve Lussier said.

Call for screening

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The Public Health Department is recommending that anyone who frequented Le Jasper Brewery at 160 QC-216, Stoke, between Aug. 28 and 31, be tested for COVID-19. A person

with the virus frequented the establishment during their contagious period, and there is an outbreak in the environment. It is strongly recommended that people who have been in the restaurant be tested as soon as possible in order to quickly stop the spread of the virus.

These individuals should also be monitored for symptoms for 14 days from the date of the restaurant visit and re-screened as needed.

Vaccinated people should also be tested if they have been exposed.

Living with the virus

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deaths attributed to the novel coronavirus and a rise of nine hospitalizations compared with Thursday. They said there are 147 people in hospital with the disease, including 49 patients in intensive care, a rise of seven.

The province said 26,959 COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered Thursday. Quebec’s public health institute indicated about 87.4 per cent of residents 12 and up have received at least one dose of vaccine and 81.3 were

considered adequately vaccinated.

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“We could reach nearly 90 per cent of those 12 and over by the end of September, and as soon as we can vaccinate our youngest, our vaccination coverage will be that much higher,” he wrote. But September is going to be critical, Dubé said, because children go back to school and junior colleges and universities resume classes in person.

He called on Quebecers, even those adequately vaccinated, to be careful as forecasts indicate the next few weeks will be trying for the health network, particularly in the greater Montreal area.

The province saw an additional 1,974 COVID-19 infections over the long weekend (666 on Saturday, 778 on Sunday and 530 on Monday), and over the weekend Dubé tweeted that the health ministry is seeing an increase in patients in intensive care.

Local updates will resume on Tuesday.

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