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Weather



TODAY:
ISOLATED
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 17
LOW OF 9



TUESDAY:
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 11
LOW OF 5



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 13
LOW OF 1



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 11
LOW OF 1



FRIDAY:
40 PER CENT
CHANCE OF
FLURRIES
HIGH OF 10
LOW OF 1

New faces added as the CABMN volunteer centre staff team grows



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

Like many businesses and organizations at this time, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Potton is seeing some changes in its staff team. The same quality services aimed at meeting the various needs of the diverse clientele groups participating in the activities offered by the non-profit in the western sector of the MRC Memphremagog West are always the priority of the organization.

For the past few years Monique Gilbert has coordinated the Senior Services offered by the CABMN with the support of Angelle Laplume who works part-time at the organization. Recently Gilbert announced her departure from the Volunteer Centre to pursue a job in leisure through the Municipality of Potton and will end her employment at the CABMN on Oct. 26. Gilbert has done a great job and the seniors will miss her.

"I have enjoyed my time working with the seniors and had intended to continue in my role at the CABMN," shared Gilbert. "At the beginning of my employment I had divulged to those interviewing me that the only likely way that I would leave the non-profit was if I were given the opportunity to work in sports and leisure as, being a certified Kinesiologist, this is a challenge I have long prepared and hoped for. The opportunity arose and I was offered the job and feel that I can now offer my expertise to a wide range of people in the community contributing to the well-being of all," she explained.

Gilbert's departure has presented the CABMN with an opportunity to try a different approach in the offering of its seniors programming. A team of

three staff all working part-time will now offer the senior services through the organization. In a recent article I introduced Record readers to Marie-Claude Joly who is joining Angelle Laplume as part of the team. In this article the third member of the senior services team, Linda Orefice who will assume the role of Viactive animator and more was welcomed to the team starting this week.

From St.Bruno-de-Montarville but lived most of her adult life in Montreal and now living in Potton, Linda is a talented songstress, is a certified yoga instructor and has worked in social intervention, customer service, training, animation and recently she realized the production of her own artistic project through the Canada Council of the Arts.

Linda, Marie-Claude and Angelle have benefitted from training time with Monique Gilbert and the three will proudly take a team approach to maintaining and expanding on the services for seniors offered by the CABMN in the MRC Memphremagog West.

The CABMN Youth Centre also takes this opportunity to welcome a new face in working with the weekly youth programs offered by the organization. Following the departure of Eleanor Cote, this coming week the role of Animator, working alongside the Youth Centre Coordinator, Ethan Ball will go to Karina Rose Coates who will work in offering the weekly programs for youth ages 5-12 years.

Originally from Sutton, now a Potton resident for the past two years.

"Having recently moved here it will be a good way of introducing myself to the community," explains Coates. "I'm looking forward to sharing my creativity and skills with everyone. Opportunities don't just happen you create them, and you can make anything happen if you put your mind to it," she added.

The Youth Centre will continue to offer its MAYO/JAM (Mansonville Agricultural Youth Organization/ Jeunes Agriculteurs de Mansonville) programs, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and are hoping to resurrect a dance program for younger youth. The Youth Centre is also expanding its organization of projects in the community including

not only the youth centre Annual Halloween Haunted House but also the organization of the Municipality of Potton Round Barn Halloween as well.

For more information about any of the CABMN programs visit: www.cabmn.org or contact the CABMN main office at 450-292-3114 or the Youth Centre/Ken Jones Respite/ CIUSSE-CHUS Day Centre at 450-292-4886 (leave a message and someone will return your call).



PHOTOS COURTESY

Linda Orefice has been hired as the third member of the CABMN senior services team working with Angelle Laplume and Marie-Claude Joly



Karina Rose Coates is the new Animator at the CABMN Youth Centre working alongside Youth and Special Programs Coordinator, Ethan Ball

Ben by Daniel Shelton

