

## Hunting permits keep Eastern Townships deer population under control

By Michael Boriero

**A**naïs Gasse, a biologist for the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs, is aware that there is a higher than normal number of deer in the Eastern Townships, but the provincial government has been trying to address the situation for years.

"In the Eastern Townships, we have softer winters, we don't have a lot of snow, we have relatively short winters and not so cold, so the deer have a lot of ways to save themselves and we don't have very many effective predators in the territory," Gasse told The Record last week.

There are no wolves in the region, she continued, noting there are maybe a few pockets of coyotes, some bears, but not nearly enough of them to effectively control the deer population. And since the winter isn't as rigorous in the Townships, the deer have no one to contend with.

Asked whether there is any link between the deer population and the elevated number of Lyme disease cases, since deer are known to carry the blacklegged tick responsible for spreading it, Gasse flatly refuted the theory. More deer does not equal more

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## New pilot project at the CABMN youth centre: Friday dance group!



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Dance Instructor Sarah Holmes and just some of the youth enjoying the new Friday after school dance group at the CABMN Youth Centre in Potton!

### The Scoop By Mable Hastings

**S**tarting on Friday, Nov. 11 through to Friday, Dec. 16, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN)

youth program is offering a six-week pilot project dance group at the Youth Centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville after school to 5 p.m. for youth ages 5-12. The program is being taught by dance instructor,

Sarah Holmes from Knowlton.

Sarah has been teaching dance to children in daycare, school, and after-school programs for the last 8 years. Sarah's passion for dance

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