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Weather



TODAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 4
LOW OF 2



TUESDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 6
LOW OF 7



WEDNESDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 10
LOW OF 5



THURSDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 5
LOW OF -13



FRIDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF -4
LOW OF -11

Turning friends of the Eastern Townships spread Christmas cheer



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

On Friday, Dec. 2 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Mansonville received a visit from Jean-Pierre Cote and his wife Michelle who made a special delivery to the CABMN office from the “Amis Tourneurs de l’Estrie” ATE (Turning friends of the Eastern Townships).
The ATE is a group of some fifty retired volunteers who do woodworking as a hobby. During the Christmas season the group makes toys to sell at local craft sales to raise money for food banks like the Partage/Share in

Potton, a program of the CABMN. At a sale held last Saturday the ATE raised \$500 and donated half of the amount to a community group in Sainte-Etienne-de-Bolton and the other half to the CAB Food Bank as pictured here with CABMN Executive Director, Mable Hastings.

The remaining toys were brought to the CABMN by the couple to be distributed at the Youth Centre as part of the Christmas gifts for the children partaking in weekly programs there. The creations included wooden yo-yos, trucks, cars, banks, treasure boxes and more...

Included in the mix was a detailed replica of Harry Potter’s wand and while it may not have been made of holly wood and stuffed with Phoenix feathers, it was impressive. Michelle Cote had even made a carrying case for it! It was obvious in talking with the couple that many hands and talents had participated in making the toys received special.

“Yes, it takes talent and know how,” said Michelle Cote, “But, it also takes time and as retirees, we have the time to do these things to help the local

communities.”
It was evident from the smile on Mr. Cote’s face as he spoke about the group that he feels proud to do this with so many other giving and caring individuals.

“This has been happening for some time now,” he said. “We plan on continuing to do this because the sales and donations raised in selling our items prove that people want to help others and contribute any way they can.”

The \$250.00 donation made by the group will be used by the CABMN for it’s 2022 Christmas baskets that will be distributed to families and individuals in need on December 13th. The efforts of the Turning Friends of the Eastern Townships (ATE) and all who donate to help others especially during the holiday season is an inspiration to us all.

The smiles that will no doubt be seen on the children’s faces when they see the creations donated will be shared with the group in photos. Without doubt the efforts of the ATE will assist Santa and his elves in spreading Christmas cheer!



MADELEINE LANGLOIS

Michelle Cote, Mable Hastings-Executive Director of the CABMN and Jean-Pierre Cote

Ben by Daniel Shelton

