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Weather




TODAY:
RAIN




TUESDAY:
SUNNY



WEDNESDAY:
A MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD



THURSDAY:
CLOUDY



FRIDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 8
LOW OF 0

HIGH OF 11
LOW OF 3

HIGH OF 18
LOW OF 12

HIGH OF 16
LOW OF 8

HIGH OF 15
LOW OF 6

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mansonville chapter holds annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser in Potton



THE SCOOP
MABLE HASTINGS

The Mansonville Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) sponsored by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) has been operating under the umbrella of the Youth Centre since 1987 in Potton. Each year a group of youth ages 11-15 interested in building their leadership and team building skills form a youth board supervised by the Youth Centre Coordinator and promote positive decision making, educated learning and community involvement. The group meets every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the youth centre in Mansonville.

This year the SADD Board is made up

of eight young people including: Alexis Eldridge, Zennon Fournier, Branden Gagne, Mya Gardner, Sophie Gaulin, Amelya Jersey, Dakota Paige, Leala Perras, supervised by Ethan Ball.

On Saturday, Oct. 28 the group will hold its annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser at the youth centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where the youth will get sponsors/donations for rocking non-stop in rocking chairs for four hours consecutively. The money donated helps with SADD and YC events, the purchasing of equipment for the centre and for promotional materials and more. This year the Youth Centre young Leadership group will be joining SADD in participating in the fundraiser and rocking with them.

Many of these youth are out raising funds and requesting sponsorship for this cause in preparation for the coming weekend event. Besides their regular Jewellery and second-hand sales, this is the one big fundraising event that the group solicits funds for each year. In the past, they have had adult supporters who have also collected donations however this year, they are doing it primarily on their own.

The CABMN is happy to accept donations for the group toward this fundraiser. Anyone wishing to support the group can etransfer a

donation to infos@cabmn.org (please use the question, which group? And the response, SADD) for the transfer or send a cheque made out to SADD Mansonville Chapter to CABMN, 314B Principale, Mansonville, Quebec. J0E 1X0. Thank you for your support. All donations of \$20 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

"It's kind of exciting," said Ethan Ball. "The sound of fifteen or more hairs creaking back and forth in unison for four hours while the youth partake in a variety of activities is always fun. Announcing how much they've raised as a team during the event is the exciting part as cheers of joy fill the air and all congratulate each other."

Post Pandemic it has been difficult to get the youth back together and partaking in a common goal. The Mansonville SADD Chapter has long inspired youth to be part of a community minded initiative that benefits youth, adults and more.

Please, if you wish to donate to Saturday's Rock-a-thon, contact the CABMN at 450.292.3114 or send your donation as suggested above. Thank you. For more information about SADD, Leadership or the other youth programs of the CABMN, visit the Facebook page at, Mansonville Youth Centre or the website at www.cabmn.org



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Photos from a previous Rock-a-thon

Ben by Daniel Shelton

