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Missisquoi North Youth Centre offers new dance group for ages 5-12



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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) youth program is currently offering a pilot Dance project for boys and girls ages 5-12 that will run for four consecutive Saturday afternoons from January 9 to January 30, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Youth Centre. The program is animated by the Director of Youth and Special Programs and Patricia Lachance, a parent volunteer and long-time youth centre participant.

After the four week trial, the program will then be reviewed and possibly renewed in preparation for a Youth Talent Show to be held in June of this year. Thirty young people have already registered and a waiting list has been created. If the centre determines through the waiting list that there is a need to add a second class they will do so. Parents are encouraged to contact the Youth Centre for more information at 450-292-4886.

The Missisquoi North Youth Centre has a very active youth program with various groups for youth of all ages. The programs for youngsters aged 5-12 presently includes the Thursday Boys Group attended by 20 boys each week and the Friday Girls Group attended weekly by 30 girls. There are a variety of Members from all of the groups will take part in the June Talent Show. Last year's performance included 70 youth and brought in some 225 spectators.

The youth programs have been in operation for over thirty years now. Participants are now second generation and

Sherbrooke population grows slightly in 2015

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The population of the City of Sherbrooke has increased by about 1,500 people over the last year, from 162,163 to 163,623 between January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016 According to information published in the Gazette officielle du Québec, on December 30

This represents an increase of 0.089 per cent.). Sherbrooke is the sixth largest



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Members of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre Girls Group and new Saturday Dance Group, one of the many youth groups sponsored by the Centre.

the talent of Potton's youth continues to blossom and flourish.

"I started in groups when I was five years old," explains Patricia Lachance now a Social Work Technician. "I cannot tell you what it means to be here animating with my two daughters who are now dancing, as my husband, myself and many of our friends once did in these shows so many years ago."

This is true of many of the parents who show up each week to pick up their kids and some of the same costumes used by the parents 25 years ago were dusted off and used for the show last June. With over 1000 costumes in the youth centre basement costume department, there is room for much creativity and imagination.

This past Saturday, while the participants in the older youth programs, including Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Former Youth Involvement (FYI), were busy upstairs in the Centre, getting ready for and planning the upcoming Winterfest Family Outdoor Fun Day to be held on Febru-

ary 6, they could not help but find their way into the basement to sneak a peak and applaud the youngsters practicing as part of the new Saturday Dance group.

city in Quebec. The Borough of Fleurimont experienced the largest population increase in 2015 with 605 new residents, followed Rock Forest-Saint-Élie-Deauville (488), Jacques-Cartier (332), and Bromptonville (49). Finally, Lennoxville saw its population increase by one person and Mont-Bellevue saw a decrease of 15 inhabitants.

This count is based on estimates made by the Institut de la statistique du Québec, dated 1 July 2015.

Bromont approves indoor equestrian arena

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The Municipal Council of the City of Bromont last week unanimously approved the application by the Société d'agriculture du comté de Shefford for the site and architectural design of an indoor arena for the Bromont Olympic Equestrian Park.

For Roger Deslauriers, general manager of the site, this is a big step. "We've been talking about construction of the indoor arena for almost fifteen years," he says, "but now with this new step, we are moving from words to action. It is extremely motivating."

The indoor arena is essential to the establishment of the first equestrian center of excellence in Canada for training and competition, to be recognized by Equine Canada, the national sport federation. "It's been fifteen years that the project has been refined and the City Council's decision yesterday (Thursday) regarding the indoor arena makes it all more and more concrete."

The proposed concept corresponds to the demands of the city council to minimize the impact on the landscape, all of which are subject to strict conditions to which the SACS is committed to comply in order to ensure respect for the environment and to foster development the unique landscape of the site.

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