

Meet the Ken Jones Respite Program Committee

THE SCOOP



MABLE HASTINGS

Members of the Ken Jones Respite committee (KJC); a program under the umbrella of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) in Mansonville gathered on Friday, April 29 for their monthly committee meeting.

The Ken Jones Respite group (KJC), a proud member of the CAB family is a program for persons with intellectual disabilities. The group meets every Thursday from 8:30am to 3:00pm in the Missisquoi North Youth Centre building at 282 Main Street in Mansonville. The program is animated by Coordinator, Sheila Samborsky and Eszter Csiszer

with the help of a devoted weekly volunteer, Anna Tomera. Crafts, music, games, exercising, special activities and a monthly bowling outing are just some of the activities offered.

"Today we are focusing on getting the word out in the various communities that we have room for more clients," said David Stirling, chairperson of the Ken Jones Respite Committee. "It is imperative that potential participants meet the criteria of our program and we are more than happy to discuss what we offer. The program has existed for over twenty years now in Potton."

Besides the monthly bowling outing to Magog, in June the group will experience a petting zoo that will be brought to the centre for all to enjoy. There will also be an annual summer BBQ and an outing to Granby Zoo is being planned.

A recent fundraiser put on by Stratford actress, Lucy Peacock raised funds to start a Respite Arts program that will allow further activities to be planned at the centre bringing in new faces and fun projects. Music concerts like the recent Bluesbette and John Samborsky duo are always a highlight for the group.

The Ken Jones committee is always looking for volunteers to help with



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Of the committee, pictured from left to right Andre Gagne, Catherine Morris, Perry Hicks, Laurette Rouleau, Rick Fergusson, Sheila Samborsky, David Stirling (Chairperson), Charles Laurin and June Peacock, Wanda Leonard (absent).

fundraising events, to perform, to share a talent and donations are always welcome and appreciated. For more information about the Ken Jones Respite Program, visit the CAB website at

www.cabmn.org Donations can be sent in the name of the Ken Jones Respite Program to the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre, 314 Main Street, Mansonville, Quebec J0E 1X0

Two arrested in child luring cases

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Two Magog area men were arrested late last week in connection with attempts to lure minors for sexual purposes.

In the first instance, Frederick Beaudoin, 32, is alleged to have tired to entice seven girls aged between 14 to 16 between March 26 and April 16 on Facebook and having had sexual contact with one them, by claiming on Facebook to need a babysitter for his children or a house keeper, Memphremagog Police are saying.

"Four of the girls refused to go to his home, but three others did show up and one of them was a victim of sexual contact on April 16," says police spokesperson Sylvain Guay. A complaint was filed shortly after leading to the arrest.

Beaudoin was arrested Thursday by and has been charged with several counts of contacting a person under 16 by computer for the purpose of facilitating the commission of a crime, sexual interference, and possession of cannabis

In a separate incident, a 35-year old woman posing as a 14 year old girl on

her social media account was contacted by a man of 25 who solicited sexual activity.

The fake teenager agreed to meet the man on St. Patrick Street in Magog.

"The police and investigators were informed by the witness in question and prepared for arrest at the appointed place," says Guay.

"Carl Champigny, from Sherbrooke, was arrested and accused of having entered into communication with a

person under 16 to commit a crime. He was also in possession of a prohibited Taser," Guay added, wondering what use the accused planned for the prohibited weapon.

Guay concludes by urging the public, especially the young, to be wary of this type of encounter.

City bike paths now open

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The City of Sherbrooke has announced that the Grandes-Fourches and Green Route bike paths, both paved and unpaved, are open for use, as of last Saturday, April 30, throughout the Sherbrooke area.

The mild winter and the general spring cleaning of the network allow for the early opening of

the cycling network just in time for Bike Month in May.

The exception to this announcement is the portion of the Massawippi axis, near the roundabouts on Highway 410, in Lennoxville, which remains closed indefinitely. In this case, the Ministry of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transportation Electrification will shortly begin work to repair the damage caused by a landslide last fall.

Police seek leads in armed robbery wave

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Police are asking the public for assistance in their investigation into five armed robberies that have occurred in the city in the last several months.

The SPS has released pictures of the suspect, a hooded man pretending to have a weapon in his pocket during his thefts. He shows the butt of the weapon to the person working at the cash and points it at the employee. He then asks for money and cartons of cigarettes when he targets convenience stores.

The first robbery took place on January 22 at a dépanneur on Ste-Famille St. and on January 24, he hit the store at 4205 on King Street West. Two days later, he showed up at Giro Accommodation on Belvédère Street South.

In February, two other thefts took place with the first at the VideoFlash on 12th Avenue North, and not far from there, at the Subway on 13th Avenue North four days later.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the SPS at 819 821-5544 or 819 821-5555.



Operation Backpack: *Equipped to Learn*

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Operation Backpack is an initiative of **The Record** in conjunction with the **Lennoxville & District Women's Centre** and volunteers whose goal is to ensure every child in need starts the school year with a new backpack filled with school supplies.

The committee is seeking sponsors to purchase a backpack and supplies, estimated at \$75.

The goal is to equip 85 children for the coming school year. To become a sponsor, contact Sharon McCully at outletjournal@sympatico.ca

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

While donations of school supplies form the foundation of our program, financial donations will allow the committee to purchase additional supplies. We are enlisting the support of the business community to become

Bronze Sponsor: \$150
Silver Sponsor: \$375
Gold Sponsor: \$750

Cheques can be made payable to the LDWC, 257 Queen Street, Sherbrooke, QC, J1M 1K7, indicating it is for School Supplies.

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