

Petting zoo fun for Ken Jones Respite Group

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KJC participants enjoying contact with the gentle animals.

The Ken Jones Respite group (KJC), a proud member of the CAB family of programs and a group for persons with intellectual disabilities, welcomed Shelley Judge and Ross Clarkson from the Cedar Brook Farm in Lac Brome and their Petting Zoo of farm animals to the Centre.

As part of its Respite Arts program, participants were able to get close to the well-mannered and gentle animals, petting, feeding and enjoying the furry and extremely adorable friends, which brought smiles to their faces. This initiative was made possible through funding raised by the Lucy Peacock concert held in the New Year. The funds raised from that event were to go directly to activities for the clients and through con-

sult with the animators of the program, Respite Arts was created, enabling the participants to enjoy a variety of activities that they likely would not have been able to afford if not for this type of generous fundraising. The KJC committee has been able to add to the amount for such events thanks to tickets purchased in the recent CAB lottery held in May. A portion of the tickets sold by KJC committee members and volunteers provided additional funding for events such as this. An initiative like Thursday's Petting Zoo brings the activity to the group and this is so much easier for the clients and staff.

Tomera. Crafts, music, games, exercising, special activities and a monthly bowling outing are just some of the activities offered.

Thursday's Petting Zoo with Shelley Judge and Ross Clarkson was a special treat and experience that the participants will not soon forget. While some were

The KJC Respite 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 Csizser with the help of a devoted weekly volunteer, Anna

eager and approached the animals with excitement, others were more reluctant.

In a matter of minutes however, all were cuddling bunnies, petting ducklings and feeding a variety of eager to accommodate goats, sheep, donkeys and more...

Shelley and Ross and their petting zoo friends are well known in the area. A regular attraction at most local fairs, exhibitions, children's birthday parties, picnics etc... the couple and their meticulously maintained petting zoo is a treat for folk of all ages. The Cedar Brook Farm Petting Zoo will even be at this

year's Townshippers Day. For more information about Cedar Brook Farm and their petting zoo, contact 450-260-1699.

For more information about the Ken Jones Respite group, visit www.cabmn.org or call the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886. If you would like to donate to the Ken Jones Respite Program or Respite Arts, please send your donation to: Ken Jones Respite Program, Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre, 314 Main Street, Mansonville, Quebec J0E 1X0. All donations are much appreciated and income tax receipts are issued.

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Research sheds light on cancer cell proliferation

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A breakthrough by a Université de Sherbrooke research team could lead to the development of new drugs to fight against cancer cells. The team, led by Dr. Raymund Wellinger recently made a key discovery in understanding the uncontrollable proliferation of cancer cells.

Normal cells present in the human body divide repeatedly throughout their lives and each duplication causes a small shortening of telomeres, enzymes that act as shields protecting DNA against degradation. Normal cells have only a limited number of divisions before entering the programmed cell death, says a press release. "After dozens of divisions, the telomeres become so short that they do not work. In other words, the shield is broken and the cell dies."

Cancer cells, on the other hand, are a notable exception, since their telomerase is reactivated, allowing them to proliferate endlessly. To date, scientists know very little about how telomerase is generated and how it works in these contexts in human cells.

Wellinger work shows that some proteins already known for other contributions are involved in the action of telomerase.

"It now appears that these proteins may act in more of an essential cellular process to life," says Wellinger, director of the Department of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. "If I can explain the role of these proteins on telomerase, it would be possible to exploit this knowledge to develop new drugs to slow the immortality of cancer cells."