

Partage/Share food bank celebrates its volunteers



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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre Partage/Share food bank celebrated its volunteers on March 6 at a get-together organized by Partage/Share chairwoman Norma Clifford.

“Following the successful distribution of our Christmas boxes in December,” explained Clifford, “I wanted to take a moment to thank the outstanding volunteers who came together to make the initiative the success that it was.”

For over 20 years, the Partage/Share food bank volun-

teers have been filling annual Christmas baskets in December to help families in need during the holidays.

On Friday afternoon, all of the program’s volunteers who help not only at Christmastime but throughout the year, were invited to come to a gathering where a homemade cake made by committee member June Peacock was served as well as coffee and tea.

“Today, we celebrate you, our volunteers because without your help, programs like Partage/Share would not be possible,” explained Clifford.

The volunteers attending the get-together including members of the Partage/Share committee were impressed to hear statistics presented by volunteer centre executive director, Alison Hannan, regarding the program and all that it accomplishes.

“70 per cent of volunteer hours go directly to the distribution of food, not only at Christmastime but throughout the year,” said Hannan. “30 per cent goes to the functioning and administrative work that



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ensures that the services are maintained,” she added.

The Partage/Share committee is made up of: Norma Clifford (Chairwoman), Claire Rodrigue, June Peacock, Wanda Leonard and new committee member, Charles Laurin from Bolton East. The group is assisted by the volunteer centre main of-

vice staff.

Norma Clifford presented each of her committee members with flowers to thank them for their hard work. She also purchased two lovely plants and names of the volunteers were put in a pot with two winners drawn.

If you would like more infor-

mation about Partage/Share or any of the other centre programs, contact their website at www.cabmn.org or call the office at 450-292-3114.

Partage/Share is very active throughout the year in raising funds to enable the purchase of food, donations are always welcome.

Arr! Failing to stop TV piracy costs Bell \$137 M

Quebecor awarded booty by Quebec Court of Appeal

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The Quebec Court of Appeal has ordered Bell ExpressVu to pay \$137 million, including interest, to Quebecor subsidiaries Videotron and TVA for failing to prevent the piracy of its satellite signal between 1999 and 2005.

The court determined Bell’s inadequate efforts to prevent stolen access to ExpressVu’s signal cost broadcasting partners such as Videotron, Coegeco and Star Choice substantial revenues.

By gaining free access to Bell,

viewers could watch Videotron programming at no cost, reducing the number of paid Videotron subscribers and royalties paid to specialty channels of the French-language TVA network that had been distributed by Bell since 1998.

The unanimous ruling by Quebec’s highest court upheld a lower court decision that said the satellite TV division of BCE’s Bell neglected to implement appropriate security to prevent piracy of its ExpressVu service.

However, the province’s top court ordered Bell to pay a bigger penalty — \$82.3 million to Videotron and \$404,000 to TVA

Group, plus interest and experts’ fees.

Based on its 73 per cent market share in Quebec and the three per cent rate of “acceptable” pirating, Videotron lost more customers to pirating than Quebec Superior Court Justice Joel Silcoff determined to base his \$1-million award, Quebec’s appeal court ruled.

Quebecor CEO Pierre Dion said the “landmark decision” sheds light on how Videotron and TVA were deprived of substantial revenue because consumers could get TV service through pirated satellite signals rather than paying for cable.

Bell said it strongly disagreed with the ruling and will

seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Magog Solidarity Market calls it quits

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Magog Solidarity Market has been forced by financial realities to cease operations.

Currently, the market has about 40 active consumer members who have been able to purchase the products of some 50 producers.

Opened in 2008, the market had been having an increasingly difficult time to increase its membership. In addition, the website on which members placed their orders is obsolete and, according to management, a new version would have been too expensive.

A meeting to dissolve the Magog Solidarity Market will be held on March 17.

MEMPHREMAGOG POLICE ROUNDUP

Drugs, speed and harassment highlight weekend

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Last Friday, investigators and patrol officers from the Memphremagog Police carried out a drug raid on Didace Street in Magog and arrested a 59-year-old man for possession with the intent to traffic of 2,796 grams (6 pounds) of marijuana.

The investigation also revealed that there was electricity theft taking place in targeted building.

Police had been investigating this case for about three weeks prior to obtaining a search warrant. The suspect has no crimi-

nal record and was released on his own recognizance.

On Saturday, at 5:30, p.m., a 29-year-old man was stopped by a Memphremagog Police officer while traveling at 110 kilometres per hour in a 50 kilometres per hour zone on Industrial Boulevard in Magog. The driver was handed a fine of \$923 and 10 demerit points in addition to having his license suspended for seven days.

On Sunday at around 11 a.m., police intervened with a couple on foot following a signal from the woman indicating she was in distress.

As police approached the

lady filed a harassment complaint against the man who was with her, saying he had been following her from her home against her will and that she was afraid of him even though she knew him.

The man was arrested and the complainant stated that this had been going on for several months and that the man had made repeated visits to her home and made phone calls at all hours of day and night.

After investigation, the man was also arrested for breaking and entering and theft at the complainant’s house and trespassing at night at her part-

ner’s home.

The 40-year-old suspect has a history of violence and he was detained for a court appearance Monday.

Couple’s spat lands both in hot water

There’s something to be said for not airing dirty laundry in public, a Magog couple has discovered. Officers from the Memphremagog Police raided a home on Du Domaine Street in Magog Sunday afternoon as a domestic disturbance case turned into a drug trafficking arrest.

Initially, police received a

call for a domestic disturbance, leading to the arrest of the man involved for breach of a probation condition that required him to keep the peace.

The man then ratted out his partner by informing police of marijuana trafficking in which the complainant was engaged.

Police then obtained a search warrant that led to the seizure of 81 grams of marijuana, a dozen pills of unknown nature, scales and \$1,100 in cash.

The 23-year-old woman was also arrested for possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking and released later on a promise to appear.