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Day camp reverses decision, child with autism will return to camp

By Matthew McCully

Following a meeting on Thursday afternoon with Bishop's day camp organizers, Mandy Doucet and Lambert Chavannes' daughter Selena was invited to return to camp for the remainder of the summer.

Selena, who has autism, was asked to leave after an evaluation done during her second week at camp suggested she was having social integration issues.

"This meeting could have happened last week," Doucet said, explaining that being told Selena couldn't continue attending camp was hard on the family. "It was sad for us," she said, to have to explain to her other daughters what had happened. Interrupting Selena's routine and scrambling to make alternative arrangements compounded the stress level.

Thursday's meeting was attended by Doucet and Chavannes, their social worker, a representative from the CRDITED, BU's day camp coordinator, director, and Selena's camp counsellor, as well as two representatives from the City of Sherbrooke.

When the meeting began, Selena's camp application was brought out and a discussion began about her admissibility.

"All kids are different in all situations," Doucet said, explaining that she felt, for the most part, her answers accurately described Selena's behaviour.

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Pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit Partage/Share Food Bank



PHOTO BY MABLE HASTINGS.

They're back! The Partage/Share Food Bank committee will offer a pancake breakfast fundraiser as part of the Potton Spirit Festival in Mansonville on Saturday, August 11 from 8 to 10:30am under the big tent in the middle of town. The perfect way to start your day!

The Scoop By Mable Hastings

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Partage/Share Food Bank committee will be flipping for funds on Saturday, August 11 as part of the Esprit de Potton Spirit Festival in Mansonville. Starting at 8am through to 10:30am, the group will be

offering attendees pancakes, sausages, fruit, real maple syrup as well as coffee and juice under the big tent in the center of town.

This is the perfect opportunity to arrive at the event early on Saturday morning, enjoy a delicious breakfast while helping a great cause and then tour the artisan kiosks, information booths etc...before the parade starts at

11am. The pancake breakfast is a new addition to the event and if successful, one that may be repeated in future years. Families may find it much easier to get the kids ready and skip the hassle of making breakfast and clean up by just going to the event and eating there. No advance tickets are required; you

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