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Weather



TODAY:
PERIODS OF
SNOW

HIGH OF -16
LOW OF -36



TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF -11
LOW OF -15



WEDNESDAY:
PERIODS OF
SNOW

HIGH OF -1
LOW OF -4



THURSDAY:
SNOW

HIGH OF -1
LOW OF -9



FRIDAY:
60% CHANCE
OF SNOW

HIGH OF -6
LOW OF -20

Coiffure Spectrum Cowansville: A salon for “all”



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

When I first started offering youth programs through the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Mansonville some thirty-five years ago, little did I know that I would continue working with youth long enough to see those I started with grow up, have families, professions, lives of their own and that I would still be around to tell you all about it! At one point in time, I had three sets of identical twins! I must insist here that you all understand the meaning of the word, “identical.” Tonya Harvey and her sister Tabitha were two of the twins I had taking a very active part in all aspects of my programs: SADD, Dance/Theatre, Drop-in and more... As youth grow up and move away, we are never sure what they will go out into the big world to do with their lives. In this article I would like to share Tonya’s story with you all...

Tonya has held a variety of jobs and seeing her or her sister serving the public in the local fast food chains around Cowansville area over the years is a familiar sight. Tonya however studied and has also been practicing hairdressing for over 16 years. Tonya’s dream has long been to operate her own salon which she recently did offering a unique twist to the normally advertised salon services.

“I decided to open my salon specializing in special needs clientele because there is an increasing number of children and adults with these traits. There are so many hair salons in the area you have to go that extra mile to stand out,” explains Tonya. “It breaks my heart to hear stories of hairdressers forcing kids to sit screaming and crying through the whole experience (often restrained by the parent),” she continues. “Why traumatize someone for a service they will need for the rest of their lives? With time and patience it gets easier.”

Coiffure Spectrum, while being a regular salon, also incorporates special

needs kids and adults giving them a place where they can be themselves. One hour is delegated per special needs appointment where the space is allotted for a special needs client and adapted to their specific requirements. They can sit, stand, play, watch TV, whatever works best for them with an entire section dedicated and designed for children.

“Whether the kids need a haircut or Mom and Dad want to have their hair done, I provide a space where kids can have fun and be safe,” said Harvey. “Everyone that comes to Coiffure Spectrum is treated as an individual.”

At her salon located at 350 Rue Principale (suite 145), in Cowansville, Harvey also encourages local artisans and merchants by displaying their art and merchandise. Harvey also has two other chairs in her salon that she is hoping to rent out and also wants to bring in the services of a massage therapist or esthetician.

Youth grow up. Reflecting on Tonya’s involvement in the CABMN youth programs for so many years all those years ago, I feel a great sense of pride in what she is working so hard to accomplish. I love how she has taken her gift for hairdressing and added a much needed service for special clientele. To reach Tonya call: (450) 955-1499

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Correction

In the article published on Thursday, Jan. 10 entitled Nina May Owens (1869-1959), the dates of birth and death of Nina May Owens’ husband, Owen Ernest Owens, were incorrect.

Owen Ernest Owens was born Dec 10, 1862 & died Jan 22, 1910 thus his dates should read (1862-1910).

The Record regrets this error and any confusion it may have caused.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

