The Scoop
Mable Hastings

On Friday, April 4 the Missisquoi North Youth Centre (CAB) in Mansonville welcomed the young and young at heart for an intergenerational exchange on Saturday, April 5. The fourteen people attending the afternoon of fun and games was made up of members of the Potton Golden Age Club and youth from CAB’s youth programs. The group gathered ranged in ages from 14 to 91.

The activity was organized by Elizabeth Jersey, a Potton native now attending Concordia University. Elizabeth is in Concordia’s Therapeutic Recreation Program where she was given the task of doing a “Service Learning Project” to help students acquire more experience and tools as a professional in the field of Therapeutic Recreation. Elizabeth decided that an intergenerational exchange would benefit both of these local community groups and would enable her to write her project on the experience. What better way thought Elizabeth than a good game of bingo to bridge the generation gap?

The two age groups quickly mixed with a large group gathered at the Bingo table and a smaller group opting for a good game of cards. The group was made up of both Francophone and Anglophone participants and a bilingual chatter soon filled the air.

“I really enjoyed putting away my telephone and electronic gadgets for a bit,” said Julia Eldridge a member of the CAB’s Former Youth Involvement (FYI) committee, who took part in the event. “It was nice to learn a new game from one of the seniors and to share some face to face time with them.”

Following the games, Elizabeth shared the homemade desserts that she and her mom and sister had prepared. The group sat together and discussed what each person felt they had received from taking part in the exchange. The majority in attendance commented on the fact that there were, despite a lot of years between the ages of their members, many similarities between the two groups.

“We love music, we love each other and we love to play,” says Angel Forrest on the inside cover of the new album. “We are very excited about this double cd and we can’t wait for our fans to hear it,” said Forrest.

The trio noted the support they have received from their sponsors, Les guisantes Boucher, Larrivee, and Sennheiser Canada as well as the folks at the Palace in Granby, Jimmy Plante, Chante and Denis and thank them for bringing sweet music to the youth centre.

Angel Forrest and Denis Coulombe will likely find a place in your heart; like old friends you feel you’ve known forever.

The concert this past Friday at the Youth Centre in Mansonville is only the beginning of a multitude of shows that will tour all over Quebec and beyond in the coming months. The SADD and FYI youth extend their appreciation to Angel and Denis and thank them for bringing sweet music to the youth centre.

Angel Forrest and Denis Coulombe have been nominated in six categories for Quebec’s “Lys Blues” Awards and they need your support in voting for them. Visit: http://3renblues.com/nominations-lys-blues/