

Community rallying around the Nevilles

By Gordon Lambie

In the wake of the early morning fire two weeks ago at the production greenhouses for Les Serres Neville, the local community is reaching out to try to help.

Mary-Ellen Kirby, who organized the fundraising campaign on Gofundme.com said that raising money in the wake of a fire is just something Townshippers do, particularly those in the farming community.

"We do tend to look after each other around here," Kirby said, pointing out the recent example of the fundraising dance for the Johnston family after their fire in February.

Although the Nevilles are not live-stock producers, Kirby said that local farmers certainly see them as a part of the community and so very soon after the fire she started to think about organizing an event like the one that was held for the Johnstons.

"That is getting harder to do," the campaign organizer said, explaining that challenges with finding bands and venues that could accommodate everyone led her to consider the online option.

"Not everyone is comfortable with the online stuff," Kirby said, explaining that a few different opportunities to interact with Gofundme.com in the last year convinced her that it was a worthwhile and trustworthy platform.

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'Imagine a community without volunteers'



MABLE HASTINGS

Some of Potton's wonderful volunteers!

By Mable Hastings

On Friday evening, April 27 the Municipality of Potton in collaboration with the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) held an appreciation evening for volunteers as part of the Canada wide volunteer week held this year from April 15 to 21.

by volunteers in the community.

Some 110 people of all ages joined together upstairs in the Town Hall in Mansonville where refreshments were served, music performed and a power point presentation of last year's celebration shared.

"Just for a moment," said Mayor Mar-

coux, "I'd like you all to imagine our community without volunteers."

Someone in the crowd spoke up saying, "It would be pretty boring."

Marcoux went on to explain that a community is a much richer and dynamic place with the efforts made by those who give of their time. He stated that many community organizations would not be able to exist with the same productivity and success if it were not for volunteers.

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