

Spirit of Potton Festival in Mansonville has something for everyone

By Mable Hastings

Hey folks, it's time to mark your calendars and reserve the date for Potton's upcoming Spirit of Potton Festival, an event that will take place from Friday, Aug. 10 to Saturday, Aug. 11 in the heart of Mansonville. The festival will highlight the Township's artisans,

food producers and some incredible talent including performances in country music, the blues and rock n' roll. Bringing back activities enjoyed in the past, including bingo, karaoke, a Friday night dance party, the Saturday parade, musical performances, artisan kiosks, food vendors, specials from local restaurants, fireworks and much more.

"The Potton Arts and Culture Committee has decided to blend some of the popular activities organized in the past while implementing a few changes with an emphasis on Potton and its people," shared municipal councillor Jason Ball. "We do have some participation from people from other areas but, the aim is to celebrate all that Potton is and what we have to offer which, in our opinion is a lot."

On Friday, Aug. 10 at 4 p.m., the food vendors will open and there will be specials offered in the local restaurants as well. If you arrive in Potton earlier in the day, lunch is available at the Reilly House, the Euro Deli and the Owl's Bread, and Bistro Chouette all located on Rue Principale in the center of town and Resto 243 just north of Mansonville.

Friday evening you are encouraged to try your luck at bingo at 6 p.m. with amazing prizes and a jackpot of \$200. Bingo will be followed by karaoke with Rusty James and then DJ Jerk will spin some tunes and get everyone up and dancing as all enjoy the opening night of the Spirit of Potton celebration.

If you feel more like relaxing and taking in a movie, as a special treat, Friday evening Cinema Potton will present the Black Panther movie at the Spirit of Potton Festival! The movie will be projected outside and for free at the Round Barn at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11, the day begins bright and early at 8am. New this year, the Partage/Share Food Bank (a program of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre CABMN) will hold a pancake break-



fast fundraiser with sausage, fruit, pancakes, fresh maple syrup under the big tent in the center of town. This is the perfect opportunity to arrive early, have breakfast with friends, visit the kiosks and take in the parade at 11 a.m. After breakfast you can also stop by the used book sale that will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Hall (second floor) where you may find the book that you didn't know you were looking for!

Starting at 9 a.m. the amazing and talented artists and artisans who exhibited their works last year will be back this year for the first edition of the Spirit of Potton Festival as well as some new exhibitors too. There will also be information booths to visit.

At 11 a.m. the parade showcases Potton's strong community spirit and it is one of the most anticipated events of the festival. This is the perfect opportunity for Potton businesses, organizations,

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