Tyler Comeau and Highway 10
Dancing, toe tapping, hand clapping, fundraising good time in Potton

The Scoop
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On Saturday evening, April 27 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Ken Jones Respite (KJC) Program for the intellectually and physically challenged held a Bluegrass supper and dance fundraising event at the Mansonville Catholic Church basement in Potton.

The evening began with a plethora of country tunes played by DJ Jerk (Jeremy Eldridge) as friends gathered for a drink before dinner. The dinner consisting of a beef stew, caesar salad, homemade rolls and dessert was catered by Shannon Elder’s and half and half was held. Organized by Trish Wood (Potton’s Community Organiser who helped out throughout the entire evening). The half and half, drawn later in the evening totalled close to $400.00 to be split between the winner and with half going to the Respite program. Won by an elated Debra Harding (CABMN Assistant to the Director), Debra donated all of her winnings to the Ken Jones Respite program giving them the full amount raised.

With full bellies and lots of visiting under their belts, the over 120 people gathered were then treated to the performance of the live bluegrass band, Tyler Comeau and Highway 10. The band performed both bluegrass and country music and the floor was abuzz with couples who enjoyed the performance and the opportunity to hit dance.

Anyone who has not had the pleasure of seeing Tyler Comeau and Highway 10 and listening to their music has been missing out on what surely is the beginning of something special. At 16, Tyler is a multi talented musician and singer. His warm attitude and beautiful speaking tone immediately captured the attention of many. Accompanied by a group of musicians who play together as if they always had, there was an easy flow to the evening that left one feeling that these guys were family.

Tyler will spend much of his summer months touring and making connections as he strives to expand his notoriety and experience. If Saturday evening’s show was any indication, this young man is clearly going somewhere big. The people of Potton and surrounding areas (some who came from as far away as Waterville), witnessed a star in the making.

For the Ken Jones Respite Program, the evening by all measures was a resounding success. The Ken Jones Respite Committee is made up of: Perry Hicks (Chairperson), Rick Ferguson (Treasurer), June Peacock, Sharon Hewlett, Hilary Head, Laurette Bouleau and Charles Laurin. The special program coordination team is made up of: Sheila Samborsky and Eszter Ctizer who animate the program on Thursdays from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

For June Peacock a member of the Respite Committee who was noted for the extra efforts she put into organizing the event, at the evening’s end, she was feeling very grateful.

“The committee wishes to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported, attended, volunteered and made the event happen,” said Peacock. “Potton is famous for the way it supports local initiatives and this was no exception.”

For more information about the Ken Jones Respite Program or any of the other Missisquoi North Volunteer programs, visit: www.cabmn.org or call: 450-292-3114.

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Weather

TODAY: SUNNY
HIGH OF 9
LOW OF 0

TUESDAY: 60% CHANCE OF SHOWERS
HIGH OF 8
LOW OF -9

WEDNESDAY: PERIODS OF RAIN
HIGH OF 6
LOW OF 0

THURSDAY: MIX OF SUN AND CLOUDS
HIGH OF 14
LOW OF 2

FRIDAY: PERIODS OF RAIN
HIGH OF 11
LOW OF 5

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