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TODAY:
60 PER CENT
CHANCE OF
SHOWERS
HIGH OF 7
LOW OF 6



TUESDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 11
LOW OF 8



WEDNESDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 10
LOW OF 3



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 12
LOW OF 1



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY
PERIODS

HIGH OF 11
LOW OF 5

The Night of the Scarecrow in Potton



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

As legends go, the one recently shared by the Missisquoi North Youth Centre of the CABMN promises the children of Potton an interesting Halloween experience. According to Youth Centre Coordinator, Ethan Ball and Animator, Eleanor Cote, the following legend surfaced and the two are sharing it with all children in the area...

"Few may know but 99 years and 11 months ago, the people of Potton faced a great danger!

On October 31, 1920 the residents in our villages watched as scarecrows became animated and began terrorizing the town. Not all was lost though; brave kids who had gone trick-or-treating faced the danger head on and were rewarded greatly with lavished candies and sweets by the thankful people of Potton. Before the terrible scarecrows were defeated, their leader vowed to return 100 years later with his new army.

As we approach "The Night of the Scarecrow" or as it is better known; Halloween, we ask the trick-or-treaters in Potton to be safe and put forth the challenge to swing by our center to face the next Scarecrow army ... you might

just be rewarded with lavish candies and sweets!"

According to organizers, if the scarecrows come in contact with children face to face who are brave enough to stare them down, they will disappear again for another hundred years. The brave are encouraged to come to the Youth Centre at 282 Principale in Mansonville to walk the path of fear and stare the scarecrows down on Halloween night where, once they have walked the path trick-or-treaters will receive a chocolate bar for their efforts plus the satisfaction of knowing that once again, they have saved Potton from the cornfield dwellers.

"This is the first year that we have applied for municipal funding," said Ethan Ball, Coordinator. "We have long collaborated with the Mansonville Optimist Club who will, again this year be providing the candy to hand out and having the support of the municipality and its cultural committee just adds to the event and we are grateful for all of the help and support," he added.

Thanks to funding through the Municipality of Potton's Cultural Committee, the youth centre will welcome children from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The plan is to hold the event outside to allow for safe Covid directives to be maintained.

"We have had a variety of volunteers helping to make scarecrows in a variety of shapes and sizes," said Eleanor Cote, Animator. "Apparently, on Halloween night, these stuffed creatures of hay and burlap actually come to life!"

The Night of the Scarecrow is not to be missed. Many other businesses, groups and organizations help to make Halloween special in Potton. This includes the annual contribution by Super Hiro Productions who animates activities in the park in the middle of town and more....



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