

THE SCOOP

Spirit of Potton Festival guarantees another fun-filled family event

By Mable Hastings

The Spirit of Potton Festival organizing committee is proud to present the upcoming 2025 event schedule of activities. The event opens on Thursday evening, Aug. 14 at the Round Barn site with an outdoor

screening of the film « Les derniers vilains », which traces the history of the Vachon wrestling family. This film will take many from the area down the road of nostalgia instilling a feeling of childhood awe and emotion as well as immense pride in knowing the story of the world-renowned family we all

regarded as neighbours.

On Friday, Aug. 15 activities begin at the Missisquoi North River Park, (Andre-Gagnon sector at 364, route de Mansonville). There will be a fundraising community supper to benefit the Potton Covered Market under the multi-functional shelter followed by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre(CABMN) Bingo fundraiser for cash prizes and the evening will end with, hold on to your hats: a wrestling gala presented by Johnny LaMagouille! We have been told that they are ready to rock Potton!

On Saturday, Aug. 16, a full day of fun begins! The success of the 2024 lawn tractor races were undeniable and for that reason the activity returns this year. Organizers were extremely pleased with the attendance last year at this event and with more racers registered, they are hoping it will grow each year. This event takes place on the Municipal property located on the corner of Ch. Westhill and Rte 243.

At the Missisquoi North River Park Andre Gagnon sector in and all around the Multi functional shelter, attendees can enjoy farm animals, a climbing wall, inflatables, a large tent with games for the whole family, the Desjardins Zone, fireworks by Vincent Giroux and the Potton Covered Market will take place with additional kiosks and vendors for the occasion.

The organizing committee is delighted to welcome a visit from France for a magnificent circus show by the troupe « Entre Nous » This year, organizers have invested even more in the Missisquoi North Park activities! Expect a new layout on the baseball field side for the « ZONE ADO » in partnership with the CABMN Youth centre and SADD group. There will also be live entertainment, a face painter, the local Homebrew Dixieland Band



The community fundraising supper on the Friday night to benefit the Potton Covered Market is always a hit!

and many more performers.

When your tummy gets hungry, there will be a variety of food trucks looking forward to serving you in close proximity to wherever activities are happening. Treats and sweets? They got you covered. You may opt to visit Mansonville for an in town stop where there are local shops, eateries and a beautiful shaded park in the middle of the town. The Northern River Park-Andre Gagnon site provides a great space for families to gather and the Potton Spirit festival welcomes all to partake in the activities held there and close by for the event. Detailed posters will soon be available or visit www.potton.ca

Events like this are not possible nor nearly as successful without the implication and involvement of volunteers. The organizing committee for this event (volunteers) extends its gratitude and appreciation to all who are helping, whether through the CABMN or those who have signed up through the Municipality. If you would like to offer a few hours of your time to help make this event happen, please contact Debra Harding, Volunteer Coordinator at the CABMN at 450-292-3114 extension 109. Volunteers are still needed and welcome.



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New this year in the baseball field area is the ADO Zone hosted by the CABMN Youth Centre and SADD group where they hope to get teens moving!

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