



THE SCOOP

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On Friday evening, Jan. 24 the Missisquoi North Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Former Youth Involvement (FYI) groups held the first Intimate Evening of Music at the Youth Centre located at 282 Main Street in Mansonville.

This was the first official musical evening held at the centre and it featured the talent of singer/songwriter Rob Lutes from 8 to 9:30 p.m. with a one hour open mic from 7 to 8 p.m. during which performers included: Bethanie Boivin and Jason Forget who hosted the evening.

The audience was also treated to a sampling of two songs from Canadian Blues Award winner, Angel Forrest and Denis Coulombe who will be headlining the next musical evening at the Youth Centre scheduled for April 4.

Due to the limited space, the evening is an intimate one with 70 people maximum able to attend with advance ticket sales only. The Rob Lutes performance was sold out almost immediately. Ticket includes admission, home-made dessert and a beverage, all for the low price of \$10 per person.

Anyone hoping to attend the April show is encouraged to contact the Youth Centre immediately to reserve tickets by phoning 450-292-4886. Ticket reservations are done on a first come first serve basis.

Those who took advantage of the opportunity to hear the multi talented Lutes perform this past Friday were happy they did. From



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Singer/Songwriter Rob Lutes sang the Blues on Friday, Jan. 24 at the first Intimate Musical Evening held at the Youth Centre in Mansonville (a SADD/FYI youth initiative).

Montreal, Rob Lutes is recognized for his superb song writing and uncommon melodic sense. In 2013 he released his sixth album, "The Bravest Birds," and has performed this winter with shows in Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes. Rob wraps himself around his guitar and it takes only seconds to realize that the two meld into one as he plays.

Following the performance attendees were given the opportunity to purchase cd's and have them autographed; which many lined up to do. Audience members ranged in ages from a six

year old to an 86 year old and everyone sat tapping their toes and enjoying the music.

The youth in the SADD and FYI groups hope to continue to offer these types of shows locally; bringing music to Potton's ears for many years to come.

For more information about SADD, FYI or any of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre programs visit: www.cabmn.org and for ticket information for the April 4 show featuring Angel Forrest and Denis Coulombe, call the Youth Centre at the number above.

A first time for everything



Angel Forrest and Denis Coulombe who will perform at the next Musical Night at the Youth Centre in Mansonville on April 4.