

Local News

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CABMN youth programs in full swing in Potton



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MABLE HASTINGS

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Youth programs re-started this week for the fall 2023 to summer 2024 youth group year. Under the Direction of Coordinator, Ethan Ball and assisted by Karina Rose Coates, this year the CABMN is offering five days of youth programs a week! No small feat for two people determined to get youth motivated, implicated and celebrated.

Tuesdays after school is the MAYO/JAM (Mansonville Agricultural Youth Organization/Jeunes Agricultures de Mansonville where youth ages 5 and up gather to discuss hobby farming and growing your own food from seed to maturity and then finding ways to cook and enjoy what goes from ground to plate. This year the group will continue to follow the Kunekune New Zealand pigs at Ethan's hobby farm as well as tending the chickens (a new baby was born this summer).

Wednesdays is Home Economics where the youth learn about the origins of recipes and food. Each week each youth prepares either a meal or snack to enjoy together and from time to time depending on funding sometimes get to bring a sampling home to the

family. Mexico and Burritos were on the menu for day one. 21 youth were at the first meeting of the season for this group.

Thursdays is a new program or the revival of a past program with Leadership group. This group helps to prepare youth 8 and up for future participation in the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Mansonville chapter which has operated through the CABMN since 1987 in Potton. The group begins each Thursday with a meeting where they learn to come to a consensus, help plan activities and build as a team with a common goal.

Fridays is the Dance program animated by Karina Rose Coates. This group when funds are available brings in a Dance instructor to get the group in various performances to share at events held throughout the year. Thanks to funding received from Townshippers Foundation, and if another grant can be added, the program continues and will expand. Those who took part last year under the instruction of dance teacher, Sarah Holmes performed at the Annual Potton Spirit Festival in August to the delight of the crowd gathered.

Saturdays is for the older youth. SADD meets through to 1pm and has increased in numbers from last year. There are now 9 youth on the Board of SADD. The group has already planned their projects through to Christmas break. Outings have started happening as well as the work that is necessary to sustain a SADD chapter and implicate youth in their community.

Ethan Ball and a group of very eager and talented adults are already preparing for the Annual Municipality of Potton Halloween at the Round Barn site on Rue Principale. The group will also organize its annual candy give away on Halloween night at



PHOTOS ETHAN BALL

the Youth

Centre of the CABMN located at 282 Principale. The theme at the Round barn is described as follows in the advertising for the evening...

"In the Darklands realm, a Drider prince is mustering.

Gaining strength as he travels from dimension to dimension, submitting his foes; the Drider prince's greatest campaign is upon him.

Setting upon Earth or as he's dubbed it: "The voyage to Arachnia", the Drider prince is expected to reach us on October 31, 2023, at The Round Barn in Mansonville (25 Rue Joseph Blanchet as well as a second entrance on Rue Principale. Will our village's

trick-or-treaters brave the quest for their candy bar? Passing through the maze of webs and facing off against the Drider and his most dangerous creature company." This event is sponsored by the Municipality of Potton with support from the Mansonville Optimist Club.

Youth programs are alive and well in Potton and show no signs of decreasing. Youth are the most valuable resource and hope for the future and the CABMN is proud to have the many youth who participate and their families involved.

For more information contact the CABMN Youth Centre at 450-292-3114 or visit the CABMN website at www.cabmn.ca or the Mansonville Youth Centre facebook page.

