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Weather



TODAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 11
LOW OF 6



TUESDAY:
40 PER CENT
CHANCE OF
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 14
LOW OF 6



WEDNESDAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 8
LOW OF 0



THURSDAY:
RAIN OR SNOW

HIGH OF 2
LOW OF -4



FRIDAY:
PERIODS OF
RAIN OR SNOW

HIGH OF 5
LOW OF -5

Spaghetti western dinner fundraiser in Potton



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre Ken Jones (KJC) Committee is holding a Spaghetti Western Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the Ken Jones Respite program for persons with intellectual and physical challenges, on Saturday evening March 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the basement of the St. Cajetan Church in Mansonville.

The meal will include spaghetti with a choice of meat or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, coleslaw, dessert (carrot cake), coffee and tea. Wine will be on sale. There will be a musical power point, door prizes, half and half draw... The cost per adult is \$20.00 (please note that this is an adult only event).

Many purchasing tickets have asked, "what IS a spaghetti western?"

According to the internet, A Spaghetti Western is a broad subgenre of Western films made by Italian filmmakers from the early 1960s to the late '70s. Also known as Italian-style Western, the genre reached its peak in the late '60s, garnering worldwide popularity. Often filmed with low budgets, Spaghetti Westerns featured anti-heroes for protagonists, dastardly villains, desert landscapes, non-traditional music scores and plenty of violence.

The KJC committee felt that this event was a fun play on words conjuring up the imagination to a wilder time when tumbleweeds were an indication that something ominous was about to unfold and when cowboys were dirty and made the best of heroes to be rooted for and cheered on as they went against their dirty dawg nemesis. Oh, the boos and hisses of the crowd eager to see a showdown throwdown at high noon.

"It's something different," said KJC



COURTESY

committee member, Debra Harding. "For those of us who grew up in the 60's and 70's when "wrestlin" was a Saturday morning ritual, hockey night in Canada was a family tradition and Spaghetti Westerns were the rage, this event is right up our alley."

The fact that the funds raised will benefit the long running respite program for caregivers and clients at the KJC is a bonus. The funds will help to keep the Thursday program operating one day per week where clients come together to enjoy games, crafts, music and fun at the CABMN Youth Centre building located at 282 Principale in Mansonville.

Tickets are available by contacting Krysten Vanier at 450-292-3114 and are limited to 120 participants. It is possible to organize a group and reserve a table as this is sure to be an event you won't want to miss.

"For anyone who is unable to attend but who would like to support the cause, a donation can be made to the KJC Respite Program in a variety of ways," explained Vanier who is also a member of the KJC Committee. "I encourage anyone who wants more information to give me a call."

So, get out your chaps and boots, polish up your spurs and join the KJC as they put the "fun" in fundraising!

Ben by Daniel Shelton

