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Weather



TODAY:
60% CHANCE
OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 6
LOW OF 4



TUESDAY:
60% CHANCE
OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 9
LOW OF 0



WEDNESDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 2
LOW OF -2



THURSDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 4
LOW OF -9



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF -4
LOW OF -10

Things that go “bump” in the night!



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

Had Dorothy’s house not landed in Oz but rather in Potton over Halloween, she may have found herself trudging along with her friends while singing, “Lions and Tigers and Recycling bins, oh my!”

The Municipality of Potton like some other Townships made the decision to postpone Halloween Trick or Treating to November 1st rather than the 31st of October in hopes of avoiding the treacherous unpredictable winds and rain expected on Halloween night. While some families gathered and still went door to door as planned on the 31st, others felt it best to follow the directives of the Municipality and their prevention warnings and wait.

“We had a great time,” said one of the mothers who met friends and went out on the 31st. “Some businesses and houses told us they were waiting until the next night but many gave regardless,” she shared.

For those out the following night, the wind, rain and flying debris were a concern. Trees had fallen, the water was rising, lines were down and, the power out. Mansonville was an eerie silent and dark town as families made their way using flashlights, the kids in costumes and the parents braving along at their side.

“The howling wind and sheer darkness seemed to make our kids move along a little quicker than usual,” laughed one father. “We didn’t do as many houses but the kids were happy and people were generous and encouraging.”

At the Missisquoi North Volunteer (CABMN) Youth Centre, Former Youth In-



Julia Eldridge and Rachelle Lachance made the best of Halloween in Potton

PHOTO: COURTESY

volvement (FYI) volunteers, Julia Eldridge and Rachelle Lachance were keen but sad.

“We put a lot of effort into our haunted house each year,” explained Eldridge. “We had to take it down earlier today and opt on the side of safety with no electricity and so on.”

The two however were there on a smaller scale at the door, in costumes, with props, waiting to greet the children on their most favourite night of the year.

Lachance, Eldridge and volunteers do fundraisers to buy supplies, build props, purchase decorations and go and get the “BIG” chocolate bars thanks to the sponsorship of the Mansonville Optimist Club assuring that they have great candy to give out. Each year the group turns

the Youth Centre into a themed house of haunt for the kids and their parents to enjoy.

“This year, we had only 66 kids come by,” said Lachance. “A good year is normally double that number.”

With the loss of power, fallen trees and wires, damages to homes and cars as well as the debris that found neighbours with other neighbours recycling bins, lawn furniture and car tempos in their yards, the holiday somehow survived, tattered and torn but in tact. Likely no one will forget Halloween 2019 or the lack there of.

With so many without electricity some three days later, right now....Halloween seems the least of our worries.

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WHAT'S WRONG, MAX? WEATHER'S GOT YOU DOWN?

NOVEMBER'S LIKE THAT...