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Weather



TODAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 14



TUESDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 9



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 8



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 8



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 10

Rain showers could not dampen "The Spirit of Potton"



THE SCOOP

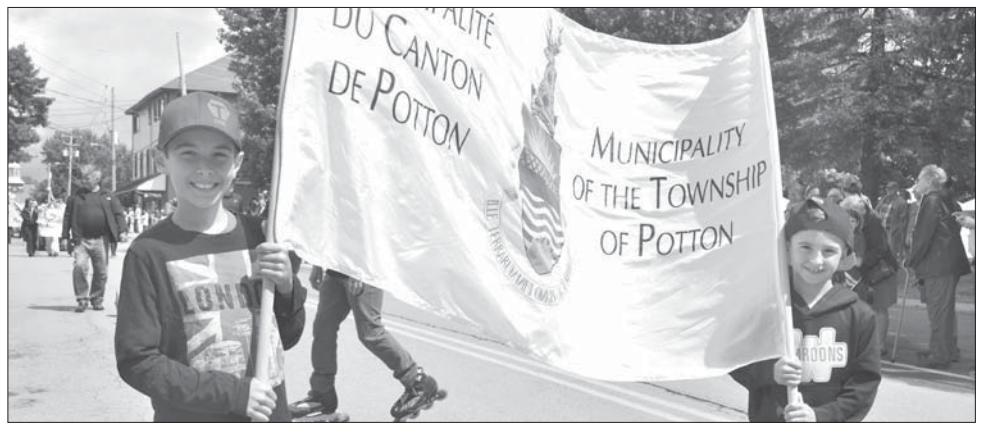
MABLE HASTINGS

The Annual Spirit of Potton Festival held in Mansonville this past weekend proved to be another great success despite the uncooperative weather. Sporadic showers were no match for participants, vendors, organizations, volunteers, performers and attendees who braved each downpour with enthusiasm and persistence; seeking shelter under a tent or umbrella when necessary.

The event held over a two day period beginning Friday, August 9 with bingo under the big tent found few empty seats and lots of winners. The bingo was followed by Karaoke with DJ Jerk. The karaoke was non-stop and the talent was an amazing treat for those in attendance. From country to rock with a little pop here and there, the crowd came out to cheer, encourage and have a great time which is what a karaoke evening is all about. Organizers were both impressed and encouraged by the increase in participation and attendance. Sponsored by NexKemia Petrochemicals Inc., cash prizes were awarded to three talented winners. Following the Karaoke, Friday evening came to an end with dancing with DJ Jerk.

Saturday morning the Partage/Share food bank, a program of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) held a fundraising Pancake breakfast and artisans, information booths, parade participants, food vendors and more set up for the day. There were children's activities, music, dance performances featuring; Polish folk dancers, the Highland dance group and the CABMN youth dance group and a constant mingling of neighbours and guests with Potton Spirit evident in each contribution to the day.

Following an afternoon of music and performances as well as a barbecue supper, the musical acts began their performances. Norman Nawraki played music at various locations throughout the town as well as afternoon performances by the Homebrew Dixieland Band, Road Case



PHOTOS: BY MABLE HASTINGS

Anthony and Alex Marcoux proudly carried the Municipality of Potton banner



Jason Ball (Potton Council member), Trish Wood (Potton Community Organizer) and Patricia Lachance Parade Volunteer proudly march in the Spirit of Potton Parade.



Suzanne DeFoy (member of the Cultural Committee), Shane Murphy (Performer) and Jason Ball (Potton Council) pose for a photo following Murphy's amazing performance on Saturday evening.

and Amos J. When Montreal guitarist, Shane Murphy and his band took the stage the crowd was on its feet non-stop. Murphy, a seasoned guitarist left many wondering where the man ended and the guitar began as he enchanted the instrument almost making it talk with ease and a tremendous amount of smooth charisma. Saturday evening and the festival came to an end with a Potton favourite, "Leadville Union" featuring the Brunton Brothers. A band that has morphed from its early days as Desert Heat and Hasty Rattle...over the years are considered Potton "kin" and the crowd remained on its feet for the duration of

their performance.

Municipal Councillor, Jason Ball who is responsible for the Festival and the Potton Cultural Committee that organizes the Festival through the Municipality of Potton wish to extend a huge thank you to the sponsors, donors, volunteers, participants and to all who attended making the event a success. Budget always plays a role in what can be done each year. This year, the committee had fewer funds in their coffers but, it still managed, with the support of the community and beyond, to assure another great event celebrating Potton's spirit.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

