

Open air movie night a great success in Potton



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On Friday, Sept. 20, the Missisquoi North Youth Centre (CABMN) in collaboration with Cinema Potton presented "The Lego Movie 2-The Second Part," under the stars in the back yard at the Youth Centre in Mansonville. With some 60 youth, parents and young at heart attendees, the evening was complimented by the most beautiful of fall weather.

As families arrived around 5 p.m. activity tables were set up including Lego themed colouring pages, Lego mask construction, Lego building and lots of outdoor play and door prizes. Eleanor Cote,

a member of the Youth Centre staff team and Municipal Councillor, Jason Ball who is also a member of the CABMN Former Youth Involvement (FYI) committee were on hand to assist the children and animate the activities available.

The evening included a free hotdog BBQ that started at 5:30 p.m. with hotdogs and buns donated by Shannon Derby (Derby's Cantine) and Julia Eldridge (who is also a member of the FYI committee). Derby and Eldridge volunteered for the evening alongside FYI member, Jessie Lee Johnson preparing hotdogs, chips, juices, popcorn and soft-drinks for those gathered. These volunteers who are also long time CABMN youth program attendees, make each event they assist with a joyous one.

At 7:15 p.m. Cinema Potton, an amazing group, presented the movie on a large outdoor projection screen as families gathered together in anticipation on lawn chairs, blankets and in jackets with the sun dipped below the mountains, ready to share in this special treat.

Cinema Potton is a member of the "L'Association des Cinémas Parallèles du Québec," that is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Cinema Paralleles has more than 50 screens dedicated to quality cinema, from Québec and around the world. Cinema Potton has been offering quality films in a multitude of languages for many years now in Potton and this is the fourth year that they have collaborated with the Youth Centre in offering an outdoor projection of a children's film under the stars. The event is fast becoming something many families look forward to each fall as a celebration of the start up of the Youth Programs.

"A success by any measure," said Sarah Jersey member of the CABMN Youth Centre staff team as well as the FYI Committee. "This would be another wonderful event in collaboration between Cinema Potton and the Missisquoi North Youth Centre of which I am so proud to help organize and be a part of," she added.

For more information about the CABMN youth programs and the new

changes made to this year's weekly groups, schedule and details, visit the website at www.cabmn.org for details or call the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.



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Camp Newington

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were made of denim with a large red circle on the back. Griffin however, could only do so much.

After suffering from a stroke, he was replaced by Major W. J. H. Ellwood who would run the camp with the help of Sergeant Major Macintosh.

After discovering that there were actual refugees in their camps amongst those that they were told were dangerous Nazis, Ottawa was taken aback and they didn't know what to do about the situation.

They did not have the power to release them because it was Britain who had arrested them and they were only holding these prisoners for them on a temporary basis.

Eventually, London sent Alexander Paterson, the Commissioner of Prisons, over to Canada to sort through the prisoners and determine their actual status. He would carry out extensive interviews with the prisoners and visit each camp. He eventually demanded that Ottawa change the prisoner's status from Prisoner's of War to Refugees in order for them to be released and he would be successful in doing so.

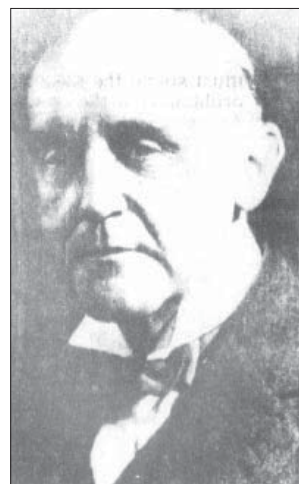
However, there was still a fight to

have some these refugees released due to the anti-Semitic and anti-German feelings that ran rampant throughout the country and the appointment of Colonel R.W.S. Fordham as the new director of the Canadian Internment Camp Operations. He stated that these refugees needed to stay in these camps for their own protection. Riots would continue to take place in some of the camps in light of his decisions.

By 1942, the refugees were slowly being released. Many would stay in Canada and others would go back to Europe or head to the United States.

By November of that year, the last refugees at Camp Newington were released but it continued to run as an internment camp for actual prisoners of war, mostly German sailors, up until 1943.

At the time, Fordham threatened to arrest anyone who published anything about these internment camps but after years of silence their story was finally told in 1980 with the publishing of Eric Koch' book called Deemed Suspect: A Wartime Blunder. He was a prisoner at Camp Newington and provided details about their experience.



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