

Bancroft to become a 'Battlezone?' on May 15



By Nate Smelle

The North Hastings Community Centre will become Battlezone Bancroft when Smash Wrestling brings its Rural Rumble Tour to town on Friday, May 15. The approximately three hours show combines a mix of aerial spectacle and heart pounding excitement into what has been described as 'the ultimate fan experience.' With an experienced team and innovative approach, Smash Wrestling has reached the forefront of the Canadian pro wrestling scene with a family-friendly, yet edgy live event presentations. The West Toronto-based promotion company began its provincial expansion out west and has now grown to include shows as far east as the Ottawa region. The company is used to taking its show on the road and has ran a series of largely successful events up north in Iqaluit.

Smash Wrestling's event coordinator, Sebastian Dastran, believes that the reason Smash Wrestling has been so successful outside of Toronto is because they always try to integrate themselves into new communities with genuine intentions.

'The great thing about our live events are that they are for anyone and everyone,' said Dastran.

'Everywhere we go we have a bunch of people tell us that despite not being wrestling fans that they had the time of their lives. Or asking us when we will be back. Our events are like the circus, there's a bit of something for everyone. There are male and female athletes, there of daredevil highflyers and power-lifting Goliaths. There's some impressive athletic action and there's some comedy and drama. There's something for everyone.'

Directing manager, James Kee, said last year, the series of events in Barry's Bay exceeded their expectations. The team at Smash Wrestling was thrilled to see how many people went out of their way to let them know how much they enjoyed the show. For more information or for tickets contact Tracy at 613-334-2807.

General admission tickets are available for \$15 and VIP tickets (front row) can be purchased for \$30. The doors open at 6 p.m. and

the event will start at 7 p.m.