

Get ready for the 23rd annual Potton Multicultural Festival



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evening with a Smorgasbord Supper from 5-7 p.m. Volunteer Norma Clifford will be calling Bingo from 6-8 p.m. with \$500 in prizes and a \$200 jackpot. From 8:30 to midnight, there will be a Karaoke and Talent Show with Super Louis; first prize is \$100. The evening is a great warm up for Saturday with lots to do and see from morning to night the following day.

Saturday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. is the big parade under the direction of Pierre Pouliot, where a variety of businesses, groups and individuals will proudly represent Potton down the Main Street for all to encourage and enjoy.

At noon, the official opening of the 23rd Annual Festival will take place, also celebrating the 50th anniversary of Owls Head Ski. Be sure to sample the delicious international cuisine lunch.

This year, throughout the day some activities will include: Polish, Filipino and square dancers, caricaturist Trevor McKinven, a bull-riding contest, live

The 23rd Annual Potton Multicultural Festival will be on Friday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 8 in Mansonville. While activities are centred in the Place Manson area in the middle of the village, the entire town will be abuzz with activity for the entire family to enjoy. This year offers activities with a western flavour.

The event begins on the Friday



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Lillian Korman and her horse, KC. She and her daughter Carol both ride in the Parade each year on Festival Day. This year is extra special as it also marks the 50th Anniversary of Owl's Head ski area, owned and operated for the past 50 years by Lillian and her husband Fred.



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The parade is always a highlight of the Potton Multicultural Festival.

music, outdoor games, craft stands, food stands, farmers market, juggling, fireworks, as well as a Book Sale to benefit the Potton Municipal Library and Missisquoi North Youth Centre.

Children's activities include face

painting with Super Hiro, inflatable games, "Find the Owl" with beautiful owls created by artist Renee Morris and the youth from the Missisquoi North Youth Centre (CAB) that will be hidden throughout the town. This activity is in recognition of Owl's Head's 50th anniversary.

Other activities include the Round Barn, Covered Bridge, and a Flea Market at the Catholic Church.

The Reilly House, located on Main Street will serve a special lunch menu as well as holding a big porch sale with bargains for all.

The afternoon brings a plethora of Country music to the stage with performances from Silverado from 4-8 p.m., the band Mirola starting at 8 p.m. and then fireworks for all to enjoy. From 5-7 p.m., you can enjoy Felix Caron's Pork and Beef barbecue and an on-site bar. There will be a prize for the best western costume.

There will also be music throughout the day with Rusty James and les Squeegie. The list of activities goes on and on.

Come to Potton and enjoy the multicultural talents of the people who proudly make the area their home. The Municipality of Potton would like to acknowledge and thank those businesses who sponsor the event as well as the many volunteers who make it possible. For more information about this year's Multicultural Festival, visit the Potton website at www.potton.ca, their Facebook page, or contact Diane Rypinski-Marcoux at 450-292-5817 or Julie Bernier at 438-880-7976.

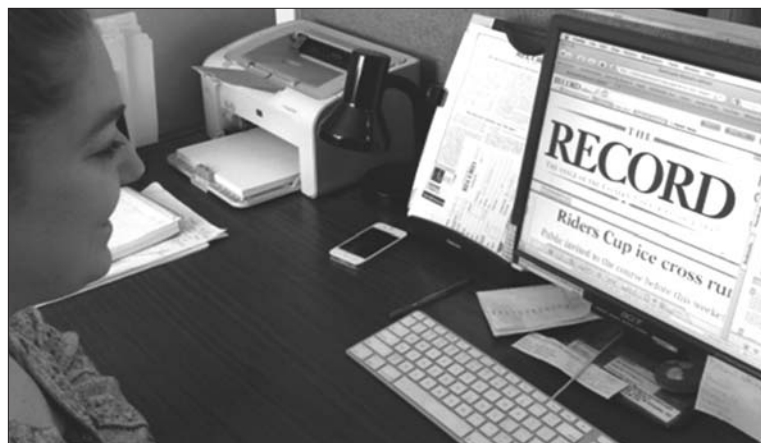
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