

The Mansonville Public Market Harvest Festival First Annual Apple Pie Contest



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MABLE HASTINGS

On Saturday, September 30, the Mansonville Public Market held its first annual Apple Pie Contest as part of the Harvest Festival in Mansonville. Participants were invited to submit a homemade pie and to join



Tracy Clark won the "people's choice pie ribbon" for her homemade apple pie.

in the delicious fun.

An idea born in the creative mind of Gwynne Basen who organizes the market, the new initiative was an instant success.

"We had to put this together quickly this year," explained Gwynne. "In future years, we will get the word out sooner and I believe that even more Potton bakers will take part in the fun."

Eight home cooks proudly produced a variety of apple pie creations, each adding their own personal touch. The celebrity judge was local restaurateur, Allan Guilbault, who sampled each pie looking for the perfect apple filling. Before long, Lois Landry was awarded first prize by the judge with Tracy Clark receiving the people's choice vote.

The pies were auctioned off following the competition with close to \$100 raised for the Partage/Share Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Food Bank.

"It was tons of fun," shared Basen. "I am so grateful to all who participated, donated prizes, judged and supported the event," she said. Raising some money for the food bank was an added bonus!"

The Mansonville Public Market welcomes artists, artisans, agricultural producers and more to join the market and take advantage of the picturesque site located in front of the beautiful round barn in the center of the town.

The market is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday until



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The crowd gathered at the Mansonville Public Market's first annual pie contest where home bakers proudly presented their homemade apple pies.

Thanksgiving. Come and support your local producers! For more information contact: 450-292-0732.

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Left to right, Gwynne Basen (organizer), Diane Rypinski-Marcoux (emcee), Lois Landry (first prize winner of the pie contest), and Allan Guilbault (judge).

Ask The Pastor - Rev. Tim Wiebe, St. Paul's, Knowlton

Yet another horrific mass shooting.
Horror, Terror, Fear, Anger,
Mourning, Finger-pointing, Politics.

How could this happen?
Why did this happen?
How could we have prevented this?
How can we protect ourselves against this ever happening again?
Who Is To Blame?
How do we make sense of this?
Do we make sense of this?
Or do we just keep our heads down, stay quiet, avoid attracting attention and hope it never happens to us.

Couldn't a Good, all-powerful God have prevented this tragedy? Other tragedies?

Either God is Good but not all powerful because He is helpless in the face of such evil

OR
God is all powerful but maybe not all good- a frightening prospect.

This is the usual eventual line of questioning.

To which I would add one other premise.

God is Good

God is All Powerful

Humanity has freedom of choice.

God in His Goodness has allowed humanity the responsibility of Freewill.

Could God's power prevent tragedy? Absolutely, but not without infringing on humanity's freewill. To force a decision or, in fact the web of multiple decisions that lead to tragedies such as Las Vegas, is the act of a manipulative tyrant, not a good God. Love that is forced, isn't love. But love that is freely chosen and freely given is the most wonderful, beautiful, amazing thing on this planet.

In Jesus, we see perfect human free-will intersect with complete goodness and ultimate power to reveal a true life of selfless love. "Greater love has no one than this, that they give up their life for a friend" says Jesus. Jesus did just that. In Jesus, God proved His love for you and for me by entering, not avoiding, suffering and death- so that- in the midst of horror, terror, fear, anger, mourning, finger-pointing and politics, we can know that we are never alone and that there is something more powerful in this world and beyond. Love- the love of God that is eternal, all-powerful and eventually, all healing.

"I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word is dependable and accurate." Revelation 21:3-5.

Happy Thanksgiving Indeed.

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All Welcome! Bienvenue à tous!

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Restoration project of Quilliams' Stream

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completed in order to facilitate travel of heavy farm equipment through the vulnerable zone. The building of the structure did pose some technological challenges because the banks of the stream had to be stabilized for about 100 metres in each direction. A technique using vegetation known as fascines (bundles of brush) and willows and anti-erosion mats were used for this purpose.

While both Mayor Richard Burcombe (TBL) and Mayor Donald Badger (West Bolton) congratulated RLB and Mar-

tineau for the excellent work done, Drouin lauded and thanked all the key stakeholders including the three property owners, the municipalities of West Bolton and TBL, the provincial and federal governments, and environmentalists Organisme De Bassin Versant De La Yamaska (OBV Yamaska), the non-profit organization that brings together more than 20 representatives in the region in order to make sustainable and integrated water management within the watershed for financial and technical

support that brought the project to successful completion.

"This innovative project is an eloquent demonstration of the collaboration that can exist between the agricultural and local science community. Renaissance Brome Lake is especially proud of this experiment since it continues its efforts to improve the quality of the water in Brome Lake and its tributaries," added Drouin.