

Another successful 'Winterfest' outdoor family fun day in Potton



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Despite a cold wind and lack of sun, this past Saturday, Feb. 8, the Missisquoi North Former Youth Involvement (FYI) committee and the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mansonville Chapter along with the Municipality of Potton held its Annual Winterfest outdoor family fun day in Potton with over 220 people attending.

The event was held at the Mansonville Elementary School with activities both inside and out which and included a horse-drawn sleigh ride with Roger Cote of Cote Meadows, Ski-Doo rides furnished by volunteers: Tina Louise Johnson, Kendall Tracy, Jason Sherrer, Justin Whitehead and Alex Hebert who, at their own time and expense, gave rides to both kids and adults all day long!

Tubing was a popular activity from the beginning to the end of the day with the tubing slide made by Excavation Steve Johnson. Outdoor inflatable games for both adults and kids were a real hit with attendees. In the afternoon everyone gathered for sugar on snow and then the First Responder truck rides started.



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Some of the youth pose with Polixe the SQ mascot.



Roger Cote of Cote Meadows giving sleigh rides.

The Optimist Club's Bonhomme Carnival gave out gifts (rings, necklaces, stickers and masks) to the kids and also to the adults who received Rival boxing key chains. The Quebec Provincial Police Mascot, Polixe was also in attendance to greet the kids. Inside the school, guests were treated not only to the warmth but also to hair wrapping, face painting, bingo and some delicious food and beverages...

The day of fun began at 10 a.m. and continued through to 3 p.m. at which time over 30 door prizes were drawn. The door prizes were donated by businesses like the Hatley clothing company, and local support came from the Reilly House, Shell garage, Restaurant Soleil Rouge, Salon Boucle D'Or, Ski Owl's Head, Epicerie Jacques Ducharme (Marche Richelieu), Lana Lane...

There was a lot of positive feedback from those attending and, again this year, the youth in FYI and SADD did a fantastic job organizing and executing the event from start to finish.

This event took place as part of the Municipality of Potton's Festive Hearts month and funding



Felix and Bonhomme enjoying Winterfest fun.

for the event was provided by the Municipality.

Festive Hearts month continues with an upcoming skating party and many other events. Visit the Potton website at www.potton.ca for more details and to view the schedule of events or call Trish Wood, Community Organizer at 450-292-3313 ext. 228.

For more information about

the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) and its youth programs or its upcoming supper and silent auction event being held on Feb. 22, visit the CAB website at www.cabmn.org or call the main office at 450-292-3114 or the youth centre at 450-292-4886. The CAB is still looking for donated items for the silent auction fundraiser and any contribution is much appreciated.