

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Potton



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Like most towns and cities, Potton Township is gearing up for a variety of holiday activities all taking place in the Mansonville area in the coming weeks.

On Saturday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m., families are invited to the official tree lighting ceremony in Place Manson in the center of Mansonville. Children can hang a decoration on the small Christmas tree under the gazebo, enjoying hot chocolate as they await the lighting of the big tree with its many twinkling lights. The perfect way to kick off the holiday season!

The holiday celebrations continue on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Maison Eglise Marie-Paule-Villeneuve (formerly the United Church) located at 307 Main

Street in Mansonville at 3 p.m. Visitors will be treated to a Christmas Concert, in cooperation with the Potton Cultural and Heritage Committee, featuring the angelic voices of "Le Choeur des Gens Heureux," a choir from Magog.

The choir, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, is made up of some 50 members, both male and female, including Potton residents Réjeanne Caron and Jacqueline Robitaille. Entrance is free, with voluntary contributions welcome. For more information about the concert, contact Jacqueline Robitaille at 450-292-3295.

The "Le Choeur des Gens Heureux" choir will also be performing at Saint-Patrice Church in Magog on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. and at Saint Edouard Church in Eastman on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 3 p.m.

The first edition of the Marché de Noël/Christmas Market: C'est chouette! (A play on words with "chouette" meaning owl and this being the Owl's Head region) will also happen the weekend of Dec. 12-13. Open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the second story space at Mansonville's Town Hall (2 Vale Perkins Street) in the center of Mansonville, the market will feature local and regional artists offering an exciting range of quality, handmade items including: jewelry, pottery and ceramic, clothing, bags, alpaca



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"Le Choeur des Gens Heureux," a choir from Magog, will bring holiday joy to Potton.

knits, scarves, recycled art, Japanese floral art, and more!

There will also be a mini café where visitors can purchase hot beverages and snacks to enjoy while browsing or they can sit at a table and enjoy the festive atmosphere and Christmas music playing over the loudspeaker.

A story-telling time for children (both big and small!) with Potton author Claude Beauchemin will be held on

both days at 10:30 a.m. with complimentary hot chocolate for the audience. Overall it's a great opportunity to shop for local handmade items and to celebrate the holiday season!

For more information or inquiries on the market contact Julie-Anne Bellefleur at poterieyata@gmail.com, Renée Morris at thehobotrain@yahoo.ca or check out the Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/cestchouettepotton.

Caritas campaign kicks off

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Caritas Estrie began its 33rd Campaign for Peace yesterday with two major objectives: awareness of the call to peace and sharing. For this year's campaign, Rémi Demers, CEO of Ser-

covie and Sherbrooke city councillor, will serve as the honorary president and spokesman for the message of peace.

Candles are offered for a suggested donation of \$5 and 10,000 packages have been prepared in the hope of raising \$45,000. Nearly 1,000 volunteers will go door to door, and into shopping centers

or other public places, with the candles until Dec. 24.

Caritas Estrie believes that Christmas peace is incomplete as long as a single human being lives without dignity, equality and freedom. Peace is built through daily gestures of sharing, justice, forgiveness, respect for individual

and collective rights, along with family, friends, and neighbors.

The money raised by Caritas Estrie supports various social and community development organizations working with impoverished people in all districts of the Eastern Townships, including the Memphremagog Food Bank in Magog, the Association of Disabled Persons of the Coaticook regional county municipality, Action Partage de Windsor, the East Angus Assistance Fund, the Scouts of the Eastern Townships, the du Granit Volunteer Centre in Lac-Mégantic, and Sercovie in Sherbrooke, among others.



The CHUS' leading-edge sectors

Did you know that the CHUS has gained a reputation for excellence in several cutting-edge sectors, such as:

- Cerebral chemotherapy through the transient opening of the blood-brain barrier
- Advanced 3-D MRI-guided neurosurgery
- Gamma knife neurosurgery
- Colorectal cancer screening
- Cyclotron production of radioisotopes

The expertise of neurosurgeon and neuro-oncologist David Fortin and researcher Maxime Descoteaux was recognized in an article entitled "Secrets of the Brain" published in the February edition of *National Geographic*.



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Innovating and pushing the limits of technology to benefit patients and the public are challenges addressed by the experts at the CHUS and its research centre on a daily basis.



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Orford's Little Christmas Market is back

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The event will be held in the small shopping mall at 2255 Parc Road every Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Dec. 20. It will also be open the same hours on Monday to Wednesday, Dec. 21-23.

For more details, visit the website www.signeorford.org.

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