

# School Page

## Ayer's Cliff Elementary

### A.C.E.S. with a good start to the school year

The school year just started and Ayer's Cliff Elementary School (ACES) is already celebrating. A school soccer tournament was held on September 26, at Ayer's Cliff. Three other schools participated: Princess Elizabeth Elementary, Sunnyside Elementary and North Hatley Elementary. Both our boy's team and girl's team won the

tournament! We are proud of our active students. Also, some of our students went to the Christian Vachon Foundation's run last Saturday in Magog. Our youngest participant was Courtney Williams (with the medal in the picture) finishing second in her kindergarten category. Good job Courtney!



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On the picture, from left to right: Charlotte Brand, Ashley Williams, Courtney Williams, Nathan Williams and Kayla Bégin-Auclair



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Our Soccer Teams (gr 5-6): Coach: Mr Eric Jolicoeur, Goalies: Sierra Bown, Emilio Vincent  
Players standing up: Emma Schoolcraft, Gabriel Paxton, Patrick Lavallée, Chad Dolloff, Kayla Lagueux, Alicia Bégin-Auclair, Mélyna Bellefeuille Magnan.  
Players on their knees: Zachary Lemay, Damien Bouffard, Ian McKenna, Lukas Lagueux, Lucas Richard-Harding

## Celebration of Cultural Days in Potton



### THE SCOOP

#### MABLE HASTINGS

This past weekend, from September 30 to October 2, Potton Township celebrated Cultural Days; an event held all over Quebec traditionally during the last weekend of September. The Missisquoi North Youth Centre (CAB) collaborated with Cinema Potton in bringing families a special fall event; the large screen projection of the movie, *The Jungle Book* where families gathered in the back yard at the Youth Centre, under the stars to enjoy this treat.

The evening began with a hot dog barbecue provided by the Youth Centre with the help of the "Lesters" company. Hot dogs, chips and drinks prepared by the Youth Centre staff and volunteers, Norma Clifford and Alex Fidler were enjoyed. The children posed for photographs and then, with popcorn in hand, settled in as the movie began on the big outdoor screen.

According to the website, [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca), "Cultural Days are three days (this year taking place from Sep-

tember 30 to October 2) of interactive activities that enable the discovery and appreciation of arts and culture that are offered free throughout Quebec to the public."

Cinema Potton, a non-profit group was established to hold the screening of quality films and is a hardworking bunch of devoted volunteers who strive to bring these movies locally to Mansonville and surrounding areas for the last seven years. Always striving for community collaboration and to bring the joy of film to all age groups, Cinema Potton approached the Missisquoi North Youth Centre (also a non-profit organization) for a second time, in offering this wonderful family event with 92 people attending.

Also on Friday, the Potton Heritage Association hosted the youth from both local French and English Elementary schools for a tour of the Round Barn in the heart of the village. The Municipal Library held a meet the author, Benoît Bouthillette, hosted by Marie-Paule Villeneuve of the l'Agence Alinéa.

Saturday and Sunday all day activities were held at Owl's Head with outdoor hikes up the mountain providing a picturesque canvas of color for all to enjoy. Inflatable games for the children, music and a Bavarian dinner were also offered.

At the Round Barn Public Market there was animation, tastings, and a Live Metal Works (creation of a Harry Potter wand) with artisan and metal sculptor, Jean-Francois Bertrand. The Municipal Library offered an introduction to quilt-

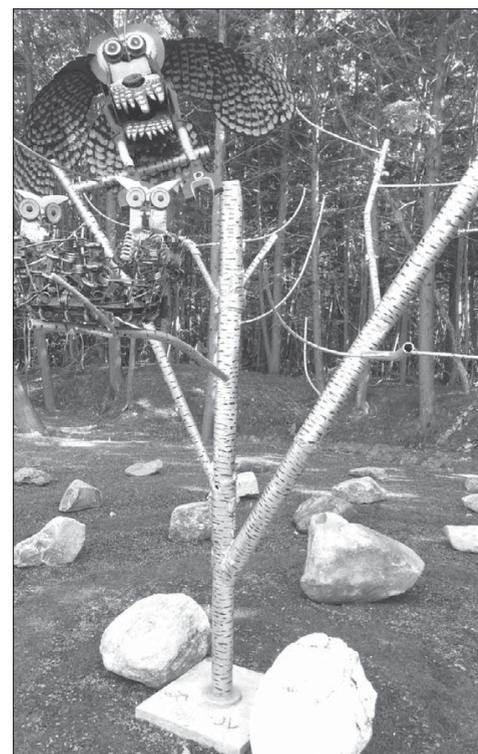
ing, embroidery and textile arts hosted by the Potton Valley Quilters. The afternoon offered a lively Soap Box Race and then an afternoon literary tea at the "Maison Eglise" belonging to Marie-Paule Villeneuve. Sunday's activities included a concert and story workshop with music and images: "Ritournelle, Music and songs from New France," at the Maison Eglise.

At 5pm on Sunday at the rest stop and picnic area on Vale Perkins road, the Launching of the Incomparable Potton brochure by the Potton Heritage Association and inauguration of the sculpture, "My Nest in Potton," unveiled and presented by Mayor, Louis Veillon.

According to the Heritage and Cultural committees, the winning sculpture illustrates the theme of "making my nest in Potton" and the jury selected the depiction of an owl soaring over its nest. The owl, refers to the majestic Owl's Head Mountain and is often seen as being a symbol of Potton and found in the name of many local businesses. The owl and nest were created from the iron recycled from old farm implements, cut, forged and welded. The work was produced by the intergenerational team of Jean-Francois Bertrand, artist-blacksmith, assisted by his son, Gabriel Macleod Bertrand, apprentice Blacksmith. The Potton Heritage and Cultural Committees wish to thank and acknowledge the contributions of Excavation Julien Pouliot for preparing the site and to Ernest Cote and Patrick Huard for the access to the old farming equipment.

The cultural weekend in Potton ended

at the Town Hall at 6pm with the awarding of the Cultural and Heritage prizes for 2016. The Cultural Prize awarded to Hiro Gagnon, for her outstanding contribution to the cultural life of Potton, especially for her involvement and commitment with the children of the Township. The Heritage Prize going to Mary Cowan Bailey, for her outstanding contribution to the preservation of the heritage of Potton, particularly its local history.



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