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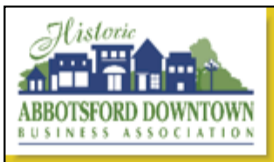
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Highlights

- Free cake at 11:00
- JC Celebration Band—music of Johnny Cash
- Choi's Pottery
- Abbotsford Spirit of BC



Happy Anniversary To Us

It was July 17th, 2003 that the first market opened in Downtown Abbotsford. Not here, as many will recall, the first three years our home was the parking lot at Essendene and West Railway.

Opening day was not the beginning of the market, however. The concept had been on people's minds for years prior to July 2003. As with many projects, this one required a community champion to get it in gear. That champion was the local Community Futures South Fraser (CF) office. Several of the CF staff lead by Stacey Corriveau worked on a feasibility study, consulted heavily with community, prospective vendors, civic leaders and many others. They brought in an expert from Ontario who has helped initiate hundreds of farmers' markets and scouted locations. Eventually the working group identified a Board of Directors who applied for non-profit status and hired a manager.

They decided to open mid season in 2003 so that there was a maximum number of vendors with an array of products to attract customers and it worked. The Abbotsford market had a stronger opening than any other market in southwestern BC had enjoyed to date and that record is in tact.

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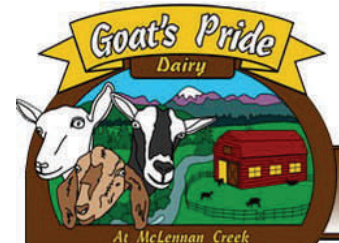
Next Week at the Market

Natural Me Skincare and Soap
Nita's Treasures
Grizzly Kettlecorn
Red Pot Pottery

Open House at Goat's Pride

Next Saturday (July 26), noon to 4:00 p.m., Goat's Pride Dairy is holding an open house. This is a special chance to visit one of our key vendors and see, among other things, the cheese making in process.

Goat's Pride is near the intersection of Mt. Lehman and Harris Roads. For more details visit the Goat's Pride booth today or go to www.goatspride.com



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