

# to us - Community Counts



a North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn

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### I.Y.O.P. MILLENNIUM PARK



**The way it was. Park beginnings.**

downtown green space. Their vision was that a vacant lot on Hampton could be transformed into a park area. The proposal was successful and \$4,000.00 was granted toward the development of the park.

The park fits beautifully with the larger project funded by Manitoba Hydro's Forest Enhancement Program. Manitoba Hydro pays for the trees and for any shrubs that grow to three feet or more. An added bonus.

The timing was perfect. It is our Millennium project time – a time for Canadians to come together in community to contribute gifts to the future. And it's happening! Donations of money toward the purchase of benches, lighting, shrubs, flowers and garbage containers are being offered along with gifts in memory of friends and relatives.

Now we need a name for our "I.Y.O.P. Millennium Park". Will that do or do you have suggestions! Suggestions and donations will be welcomed at the Municipal Office.

Have you noticed some changes on Hampton Street in downtown MacGregor? A flurry of activity over the past few weeks has resulted not only in the greening of the Co-op corner, the Fehrway Foods corner and the MCC corner, but also in the development of the downtown park in honor of seniors. With the help of many volunteers from the village and surrounding area, hundreds of trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs have been planted. Every age group was represented from preschoolers, students, young adults, middle-aged "and keensters". What a crew! It was fabulous - truly an inter-generational effort to improve the quality of life in our community.

How did all of this come about? The Manitoba Seniors' Directorate provided the incentive by offering a grant for a worthy proposal that would fit with the International Year of Older Person (I.Y.O.P.). The Foundation and the Village saw a need for a



**Inter-generational effort for I.Y.O.P. Millennium Park**

**YOUR GIFT IS AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO OUR COMMUNITY  
AND YOUR DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

## MACGREGOR MILLENNIUM ACTIVITIES

The MacGregor and District Kinsmen are sponsoring the moving and decorating of a spruce tree which will become a **PERMANENT CHRISTMAS TREE** in MacGregor. The tree, generously donated by Shawn Harkness, has been relocated to the lot east of the MCC store where its sparkling lights add to the beauty of the festive season.

The Kinsmen are also sponsoring a **NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND DANCE** to welcome in the new Millennium.

**THE MACGREGOR MIX & MATCH 4-H CLUB** have made their Millennium gift a gift of caring for the shrubs and trees at the Normac Centre.

**MACGREGOR & DISTRICT SCHOOLS MILLENNIUM REUNION** will be held July 7th, 8th & 9th, 2000. Join former classmates and staff for a weekend of renewing acquaintances, visiting and having fun! The Reunion committee is planning a number of activities for all former students and staff of schools in the MacGregor District. There will be entertainment on Friday, a social on Saturday, a community church service on Sunday and plenty of time for visiting on all days. Children's activities will be a part of the weekend. Visit with your friends and classmates at a backyard gathering or arrange to meet on the golf course.

Remember the reunion of 1992? This one promises to be every bit as much fun. To register write: Reunion 2000, Box 160, MacGregor, MB R0H 0R0.

A weekend package including all events and registration is \$30.00. Make plans now for a great weekend of fun.

Visitors - let us know of your accommodation needs. Locals - let us know if you have a spare bedroom or room to host a trailer. For further information phone Darwin Crabbe at 685-2519 or Cindy Telford Grainger at 685-3170.

### LAVENHAM SCHOOL REUNION, CAIRN DEDICATION & HOMECOMING

July 29th & 30th, 2000. All activities will be within the village of Lavenham. A registration fee of \$25.00 per person is being charged to cover the cost of breakfast, barbecue, plaque and postage. The committee would appreciate involvement or suggestions for planning the weekend. They are also in need of school pictures, history and happy stories of school days. For further information phone Harley Henry or Tom Kelly.

### ROSSENDALE

The Rossendale area is looking at giving a Millennium gift to their community. A meeting will be held to get input and ideas from the community.

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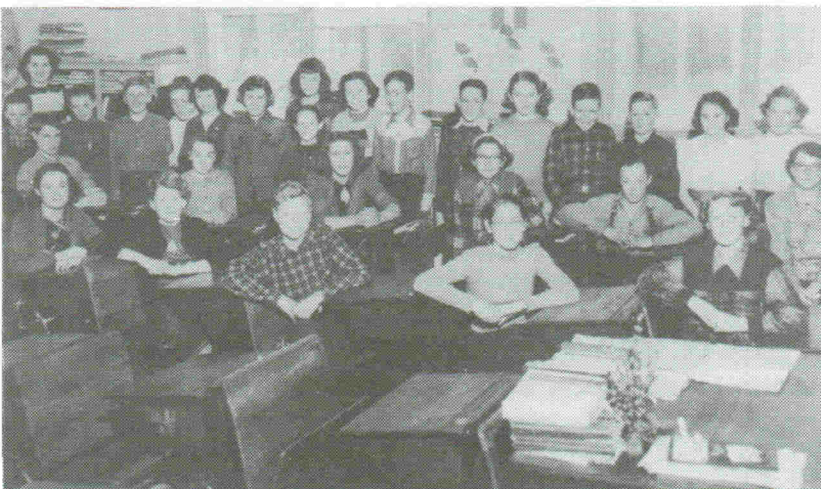
*Give with no desire of returned favors.  
We should all plant some trees we'll never sit under.*

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### SIDNEY SCHOOL CAIRN DEDICATION - JULY 15, 2000

Over 100 letters have been sent to former students. Some replies have been received as well as several phone calls expressing interest. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., cairn dedication later in the afternoon followed by a supper. Entertainment throughout

the afternoon will be supplied by fiddler Mitchell Grobb of Carberry, who has played with the Fantasy Fiddlers, and Magic Entertainment by Greg, a family show mixed with humour, magic and sleight-of-hand. As well, there will be a children's fish pond. All activities will go rain or shine! Other ideas are in the planning stages. For further information phone Allan McDonald 466-2646 or Sandra Edmondson Rempel 466-2775. If interested in making a contribution towards the Sidney Cairn, please make cheque payable to Sidney Community Centre and mail to: Sidney School Cairn, Box 99, Sidney, MB R0H 1L0.



Sidney School - Grades 5-8, 1950's

## ~~~~~ A GIFT GOES TO WORK ~~~~~



*M.C.I. Tree Planting 1999*

streets. There are plantings at the elementary school, the collegiate, the community centre, the ball diamonds, Centennial Park, the railway, the golf course, Fotheringham Drive, the hospital and the walkway across the creek. And how did they get there?



*--- and the boys, Braden Coats (l) and Brynn Smith.*

A \$24,000 gift is a big one. That's how much Manitoba Hydro awarded the NNMF under its Forest Enhancement Program. The money is to be used for trees, stakes and tall shrubs and does not cover operational costs. Manitoba Hydro will inspect the projects as required.

Austin School and the Village of MacGregor opted into the project. Their plans were accepted. Austin students did school yard planting to improve their school environment.

In MacGregor, trees now enhance public areas and border many



*GIRL POWER!! Odette Blankvoort (l) and Meagan Stewart, 1999 NNMF Leadership Award MacGregor recipient, dig in to plant trees at the ball diamonds . . .*

Elementary and high school students have provided much of the labour. Fotheringham Drive and Smith Railway residents looked after their own areas. The Lions helped with Centennial Park plantings. The Village maintenance team has watered faithfully and volunteers have said, "We'll look after \_\_\_\_\_." What a help that is! The latest news, the 4-H Mix and Match Club has taken on ownership of the Normac Centre plantings. It's that kind of commitment and community spirit that can guarantee the on-going care of the trees and shrubs.

If you'd be willing to adopt an area, just let Darwin, Roberta, Sharon or Vivian know. We'd love it!

It's gratifying to have rural municipal residents joining in with the planting and watering, too. This is more than a village project.

*Thank you to the many workers and those who have offered encouragement and financial support. Community involvement makes good things happen!*

### **MILLENNIUM MERCHANDISE**

Is available as an initiative of Community Foundations of Canada. Buttons, lapel pins, t-shirts and caps are in stock at a reasonable cost. The t-shirts can be customized. For information call 1-888-586-2839.

### **ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN**

A Canada-wide advertising campaign is about to be launched. The video clips feature Dan Akroyd and examples of groups talking about their own Millennium projects. Watch for this on our local TV channels.

## THE HOME STRETCH



How exciting it is to be able to report that NNMF endowment fund has grown to \$72,254! We are almost three-quarters of the way to our \$100,000 by 2000 goal.

That amount of money will enable the NNMF to grant more than \$3,000 back to the community in 2000. The wonderful part is that the endowment fund remains intact and will keep on giving in perpetuity.

Plans are underway to create an attractive permanent record of the In Memoriums, the Friends, the Founders and the Builders who made the realization of our goal possible.

Fourteen months remain to raise the \$27,746 that will complete the Founders and Friends portion of the campaign. We need your help now!

The REDI start-up grant from the Manitoba government will provide the funds for the preservation of the names of Friends, Founders and Builders who provided the base for the NNMF.

The Endowment Fund will build up on that base and continue to grow as future generations follow your example of leaving a lasting legacy.

*The names will be a reminder that North Norfolk-MacGregor is a better place because you were here and made a difference.*

## A WIN-WIN SITUATION

At a public MacGregor Beautification meeting held on September 22nd, it was decided that the Millennium might be a good time to enter the Communities in Bloom competition.

Their slogan, "People, Plants and Pride – Growing Together", is appropriate for our village. It fits well with the pride people take in making their yards attractive. It fits well too, with the Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement Program – MacGregor – a Greening and Growing Community.

One of the criteria for the contest is participation. If each household could plan one special improvement, a new flower bed, a rosebush or other shrub, a tree, a rock garden, a water

garden, a bench – think of the creative possibilities. Your ideas for your yard, your street and other public areas will be welcomed.

Other categories in the competition are tidiness, landscaped areas, floral arrangements, heritage conservation, urban forestry, environmental effort and community involvement.

Carberry, a neighbouring community, has won the contest in the 1,000 and up category for the past two years. Floral gardens, hanging baskets and beautification efforts have transformed their town. The competition is open to all communities, large or small, so consider the benefits.

The MacGregor Chamber of Commerce is looking at what is involved in entering the competition so more information will be available. As with any provincial/national endeavour, red tape is involved. There is an entry fee, fundraising and rules to follow, but there is a payoff – community involvement and a more attractive, inviting village.

Whatever happens, entered or not, if we run with some of the ideas and make a difference in how our village looks, we'll be the winners in 2000. Just in time for the school homecoming! And wouldn't hanging baskets look great on the main street?

**A WIN-WIN SITUATION!!**

**No one has been honoured for what they received.  
They are honoured for what they gave.**

### *Thank-you, Province of Manitoba*

Late last year, Gladstone MLA Denis Rocan presented a \$5,000 Grant through the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) to the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation Inc.

Our Foundation has been one of several rural foundations in Manitoba to receive this start-up grant. These monies are designated for operating expenses, such as our recent newsletter, postage, printed receipts, advertising, etc. This allows the foundations to get on with the important work of endowment building and grant making.



*New Year's Eve  
in MacGregor!!*

### **NORMAC CENTRE**

The Normac Centre will be the setting for a family millennium event featuring music and entertainment on New Year's Eve. A fireworks display will cap off the evening. The event is being organized by MacGregor and District Chamber of Commerce with support from many other organizations.

## AUSTIN MILLENNIUM ACTIVITIES

**THE AUSTIN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** is looking at adding several trees to the village. Sponsored by Austin and District Lions Club a permanent Christmas tree in the downtown area has already been planted and adorned with lights. Another application may be on its way to Manitoba Hydro.

Also on the beautification agenda is a "Welcome to Austin" roadside area, possibly at the immediate west entrance. This may include a sign, flower bed/landscaping, flag, picnic area. Other beautification ideas are in the planning stages. For further information contact Raymond Jones.

**A NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY FROLIC** will be held at the Austin Skating & Curling Rink with various activities going on throughout the evening. It is hoped there will be something of interest from the older toddler to the young-at-heart oldsters – an evening to remember. This will be an alcohol-free evening. To help, give ideas or for more information contact Loreen Amann.

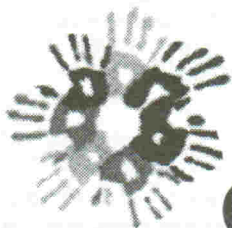


Austin & Area Millennium Senior Choir - second practice. "Where are the guys?"

**THE AUSTIN AND AREA MILLENNIUM SENIOR CHOIR** has just begun, apparently with more than a few chuckles and a lack of male voices (so far). Come on guys, we really need you. Pianist is Connie Bryce and Bev Wolfe is choir director. It is not too late to join. Anyone 50 and up is welcome. Practice is the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Austin Leisure Centre. For further information contact Melba Stewart.

July 1st and 2nd, 2000 has been declared **AUSTIN'S HOMECOMING**. As usual, the annual July 1st Sports Day (the 115th) will be held. Also planned for the weekend is the revival of the "Family Feud Baseball", a parade, children's activities and possibly a social and a meal. The committee asks that everyone please mention the weekend to friends and relatives in their Christmas cards.

The Austin Parent Advisory Council is planning on **A BASKETBALL COURT** for school and community use. This is a large financial undertaking. Fundraising will be starting soon and the committee is hoping for the community's support.



Our  
Millennium

MAKE YOUR MARK. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

### Leave **YOUR** mark on the future

As we mark the passage to the new millennium, many Canadians are looking for ways to leave a permanent legacy.

A **FAMILY ENDOWMENT** through the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation is an ideal way to make a gift to the future.



## A NEW CATEGORY!

The Builders Club was launched at the 1999 North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation Annual Celebration last June. This category will recognize all those who donate \$5,000 or more to the foundation by the end of the year 2000. Money already donated will count toward the new category.

Carl McGregor of Portage la Prairie, formerly a resident of North Norfolk, was the first to receive a framed numbered certificate at the Annual Celebration in June.

## What the 1998 Grants Meant to Some of the Recipients

**Inter Ridge Recreation:** "With the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation grant we were able to supply free summer programming for the kids in Sidney."

**Loni White:** Austin 1998 Leadership Award Winner: "I think this is a great way to show the students that they are appreciated for their extra-curricular work."

**MacGregor Lions:** MacGregor Campground: "The grant made towards the new MacGregor Lions Campground helped with expenses of putting it together."

## FOUR GRANTS GIVEN BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY IN '99

As of October 31, the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation has granted money for youth, safety, and beautification in North Norfolk and MacGregor for 1999.

1. Second Annual North Norfolk-MacGregor Leadership Award MacGregor Elementary School - Meagan Stewart  
Austin Elementary School (shared) - Heather Penner & Trevor Kehler.
2. Arizona Hall Cairn Beautification - \$100 for cedars and shrubs.
3. Austin Minor Ball - \$600 for safety fence for young ball players at the Austin Sports Grounds.
4. MacGregor Downtown Seniors Park - \$600 towards safety and beautification lighting.



Jaclyn Davey (l) and Tiffany Harkness accepting a certificate from Danny Rintoul acknowledging the Graduation Class of 1998 for their donation.

## NNMF ANNUAL CELEBRATION

In June, the NNMF held its Annual Celebration at the Austin Leisure Centre. The 34 people who attended were treated to two musical selections played by Loni White. Loni was the Austin 1998 NNMF Leadership Award recipient. Guest speaker, Jim Rennie, congratulated those attending for their interest in the fastest growing form of philanthropy - Foundations.

Special NNMF pins were presented to new Founders and Friends. The first framed, numbered certificate was presented to Carl McGregor, our first Builder. Other certificates were given to the North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book Committee, the 1998 MCI Graduating Class, MacGregor Cemetery Committee, the RM of North Norfolk and the Village of MacGregor for their contributions.

Some of the recipients of 1998 grants expressed their appreciation for the help given by the NNMF. Refreshments and a social time followed.



## North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation Inc. Donations from January 1, 1999 to October 31, 1999



### "FOUNDERS CLUB"

Jan. 1, 1999 - Oct. 31, 1999

### Donations of \$1000 - \$4,999

Bob and Florence Sims  
North Norfolk-MacGregor  
History Book Committee  
Village of MacGregor  
Austin & Area Lions  
Inez Ardagh -  
In Memory of George Ardagh  
Elsie Sims  
Hope Collier  
Keith and Kathy Lloyd

Arthur Butterfield  
Margaret McKelvy  
Olive Edgar and the late Robert Edgar

### "FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION"

Jan. 1, 1999 - Oct. 31, 1999

### Donations of \$100 to \$999

Miriam Nichol  
Audrey Hay  
George & Florence Snaith  
Stan Lintott  
Brent and Shelley Zander -  
in lieu of thank-yous

MacGregor Collegiate  
Graduation Class of 1998  
MacGregor and District Kinsmen  
Florence Hay  
Mildred Cairns  
Shirley Lowe (In Memory of Sid Hay)  
Harold Livingstone  
Walter Livingstone

### IN MEMORY (FRIENDS)

In Memory of Ethel Lintott  
In Memory of Sid Hay  
In Memory of Joe and Mae Nelson  
In Memory of Martha McKelvey Scott

### IN MEMORY

In Memory of Haley Stewart  
In Memory of Sid Hay  
In Memory of Albert Evenson  
In Memory of Ethel Lintott  
In Memory of Joe and Mae Nelson  
In Memory of Bruce Hay  
In Memory of George Ardagh  
In Memory of Pryce Alderson  
In Memory of Lloyd Street  
In Memory of the Ingleton Family

### SPECIAL SUPPORTERS

Jolene McKelvy - in lieu of thank-yous

Official receipts for income tax purposes are issued for all gifts to the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation. The donations are added to the Endowment Fund giving the income back to the community for generations to come. For tax benefits for this year, donations must be received by December 31, 1999.

*"Building for Our Future"*