

to us - Community Counts



a North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation

NEWSLETTER

Winter
2005

Greeting to Supporters and Friends of the Foundation!

What an exciting time of year to send heartfelt greeting to supporters and friends of the Foundation! The year 2005 found the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation surpassing its goal of \$350,000.

Two very generous bequests from the estate of Carl McGregor and Jim Price helped to bring our assets fund up to \$800,000! The growth has been astonishing. From its small beginning in 1981 with sixteen thousand dollars from centennial celebrations the Foundation reemerged in 1996 with a goal of \$100,000 by 2000. The goal was reached! The Foundation has grown now to the point where it can make and, has made, significant contributions to worthy local projects.

Many of the improvements that we now take for granted in North Norfolk-MacGregor were not there in 1999 when the Foundation published its first newsletter. Funding from the federal government for promotion of Millennium celebrations in Canada were made available to foundations to promote not only the Millennium, but also the foundation movement – a win-win proposal. Perhaps some of you still have a copy of "To Us – Community Counts". The early edition promoted and recorded Millennium happenings – reunions, homecomings, cairn dedications, tree plantings, park and campground development. Other editions focused on improvements to which the Foundation contributed. They also recognized volunteer hours, student involvement and gifts back to the community – monetary and in the form of memorial benches and Victorian lamps. Unfortunately when the funds were used up, publication ceased.

Now five years later, thanks to grants from Manitoba Hydro and the Winnipeg Foundation, our

newsletter is back. Extra copies for you to include in your Christmas mailings are available at the Municipal Office. Feel free to pick some up to keep your friends up to date on what's happening in our communities.

NNMF works in partnership with service clubs and groups that are working to make positive changes. With faith in their communities, the Foundation has set a new goal – one million by 2010. Sound unbelievable but so did the goal of \$100,000 back in 1998! The Foundation offers us an opportunity to make a difference by leaving a lasting legacy.

Wishing you and yours a blessed holiday season!

The Board of Directors: Vivian McGregor, Darwin Crabbe, Arlene Jarema, Danny Rintoul, Janice Kelly, Malcolm Burt, Antoinette Blankvoort - North North-MacGregor Foundation

Henderson Heritage House Garden Officially Dedicated



Eadie Henderson, in white, surrounded by volunteers who transformed her yard into a beautiful park. See story on Page 8

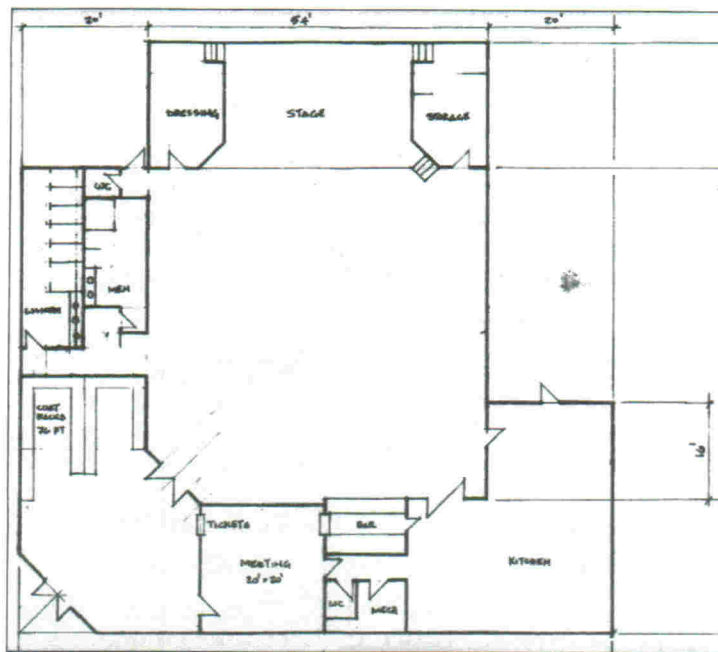
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Check it out at: www.manitobacommunityfoundations.ca/northnorfolk**

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

Small Village Dares To Dream Big

The existing Austin Community Hall was built in 1960 and has been an important focal point for community events since that time. The roof has deteriorated to the point where it required major repairs or the building would be closed for safety reasons.

The community held a public meeting in January 2005 and decided to build a new hall which would more suit the community's needs rather than spend an undetermined amount of money to fix the existing structure.



Proposed Austin Hall plan

With the help of engineers and contractors it was determined that a new 275 licensed seat facility could be built for \$475,000.00.

The Hall Building Fund Committee has been very busy with planning the new hall and with fund raising. As of November 2005, over \$195,000 has been raised in nine months by:

- Raffle for Playhouse / Painting by Cathy Painter and Side of Beef donated by Roy Manns
- Golf Tournament
- Food booth and selling ice at the Thresherman's Reunion
- Fuel Equity rebate from Portage Co-op
- Camper / Riding Mower Raffle / \$500 Cash
- Ag Project
- Social Evening in May & Halloween
- July 1st Supper and Beer Garden
- Private, Corporate and Organizations Donations
- Nursery School Committee Donations
- RM of North Norfolk Donation

The Building Fund Committee is planning an evening of entertainment, which includes a supper to celebrate the opening of the new hall. Any person who donates over \$1,000.00 or a couple who donate over \$1,500.00 will be invited to the Grand Opening. To date 66 people will be invited to the Grand Opening event. This is not meant to be a \$1,500.00 supper but a way of saying "THANKS FOR THE DONATION".

People who make a donation over \$500.00 will have their names engraved on a plaque in the new hall. The committee is also planning a pioneer wall where a donation over \$500.00 in memory of ex-area residents or area pioneers will put those names on a plaque. All donations are eligible for tax receipts.

Future fund raising plans include:

- Fish Fry
- Community Places Bingo
- "Country Blend" Musical Group in January
- Applications for Various Grants
- Continue selling camper tickets at various locations (see below to mail order a ticket)
- New Year's Eve Social

Austin Hall Building Fund PRIZE DRAW

<p>FIRST PRIZE 2005 WILDERNESS 24' TRAVEL TRAILER Model 240BH (Retail Value \$21,732.00)</p>	<p>SECOND PRIZE JOHN DEERE LAWNMOWER Model L111, auto., 20 hp, 42" cut (Retail Value \$2,879.00)</p>	<p>THIRD PRIZE \$500.00 CASH</p>
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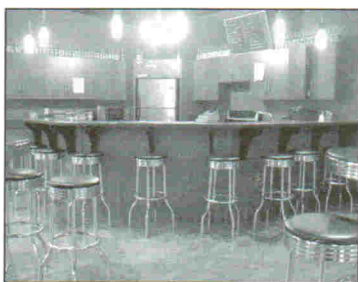
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An original numbered ticket will be sent to you.

MAIL TO:
 Austin Hall Building Fund / Prize Draw
 P.O. Box 27
 Austin, MB R0H 0C0



Hub Caps

Open since March, 2005, The Hub has become a safe, comfortable place for students of the North Norfolk area to come and hang out. Operated by Youth For Christ, The Hub is a youth drop-in centre located in the middle of MacGregor. It is open for high school students on Monday and Thursday evenings and on Tuesday afternoons for grades 5-8. In the evening you can expect to see anywhere from 15 to 40 students hanging out, playing pool, foosball, xbox, cards or just enjoying a Jones soda sitting around the counter chatting with friends or one of the adult volunteers. On Tuesday afternoons, 30-50 grade 5-8 students descend on The Hub to hang out and play all the games that the centre has to offer. Since The Hub has been open, we have seen nearly 2,000 student visits!

Students from all different backgrounds and cultures visit The Hub with some calling it a second home. The centre prides itself on offering a caring, accepting atmosphere where students from all walks of life feel comfortable to be. Youth For Christ believes in caring for students in a holistic manner focusing on their social, mental, physical and spiritual needs.

The first Friday of the month is family night at The Hub where students can bring their parents in and enjoy a relaxing, inexpensive evening of free pool and games or a chance to connect with other parents.

In the future, The Hub hopes to develop a family resource side to the centre, offering parents resources such as videos, books and other literature as well as being able to offer students and their families a counseling service.

The Hub is available for rent and serves as an excellent venue to host a family gathering, staff or birthday party. Feel free to pop by during the day as someone is usually in the office Monday and Friday mornings as well as all day on Wednesdays.



NorMac Community Centre

The NorMac Community Centre has benefited from the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation in different ways. When we were renovating the dressing rooms in 2003, the Foundation gave us money towards that major undertaking. Then in 2004 when our insurance company recommended that we install safety netting around the hockey ice, the Foundation paid to have that installed. As a non-profit organization we really appreciate the Foundation's existence as it has made it possible for us to do some projects that we would have not been able to afford otherwise. In the summer of 2005 the entire exterior of the building was painted, as well as the walls and stands outside on the skating side. We are very proud of our new look, and are in the process of getting a new sign for the outside of the building. We are looking forward to a successful season of activities at the NorMac Centre.



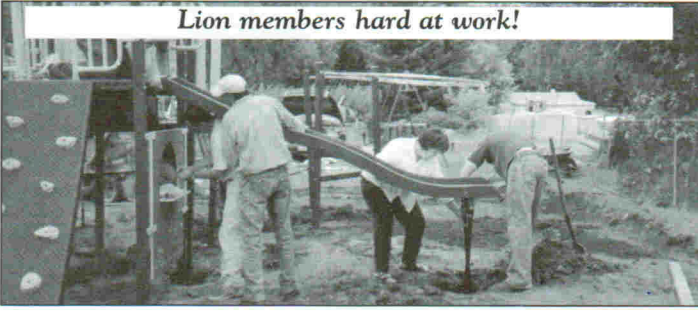
A newly chinked Pioneer Village building at Austin.

"Filling in the Cracks"

The Austin Ladies Auxiliary for the Manitoba Agricultural Museum was formed April 28, 1963, for the purpose of raising funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the Pioneer Village at the Museum. At the present time, 19 members look after maintaining approximately 22 Museum buildings plus food booths.

Funds were raised for a new playground structure, for chinking the log buildings, kitchen equipment for the dining hall and student wages.

Generous donations from Austin Lions, North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation, Manitoba Community Service and many individuals are appreciated. The work is never ending and countless hours of volunteer time help the Auxiliary to reach its goals.

Lion members hard at work!

picnic tables; removing dead trees and scrub; and adding soil. The club received many favorable comments about our town from many campers.

Also, the Lions Manor is undergoing some changes. Three small bachelor suites are being converted into two single bedroom suites. These are nearing completion and are looking great. Any senior wishing a suite should phone 685-2069.

This fall the club has donated money towards the golf course's clubhouse, the Austin Hall and to MCI students for their trip to Ottawa. The club will again participate in the delivery of Christmas hampers.

The Lions recently had their CNIB collection. Over \$2,000.00 was collected. The Lions wish to thank all for their contributions. Old glasses continue to be collected; just drop them off in the box at MacGregor Family Foods. We also continue to collect old batteries. Telephone any Lion if you have some.

As a fund raiser the Lions, along with the United Church, sponsored the Winnipeg Steel Orchestra, which proved to be a very entertaining evening.

Our membership remains at approximately 30 members, both men and women. The Lions meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The club continues to SERVE the community in many ways. Anyone interested in joining the Lions is most welcome. Just contact any Lion to indicate your interest and we will invite you to attend one of our supper meetings.

MacGregor Lions Club

The MacGregor Lions Club continues to be very active in the community. During the summer a new play structure was added to the play park. This structure was made possible with financial help from the following: the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation, the village of MacGregor, the municipality of North Norfolk and various government grants.

Much improvement has been done to the campground also: adding electricity and power to three additional sites; adding new

**Finished project.**

WATCH FOR THE

Rural Community Wellbeing Needs Survey coming in 2006.

The survey will include:

- Population • Safety & Security • Economics • Environmental • Community Infrastructure
- Social Support • Recreation Heritage Arts • Community Processes
- Health – MHC & Public Health

Build It And They Will Come

On August 22nd, the MacGregor Town & Country Golf Club approved the formation of the Clubhouse Building Committee. Our goal is to build a new clubhouse for the enjoyment of both the golf club members and the general public. The clubhouse will be a year-round facility, and although no formal building format has been set, we would like the facility to be around 2,5000 square feet and hold approximately 125 people.

Our committee consists of 9 community members ranging from the finance industry to the construction industry. We have a strong background, and we are committed financially, physically and mentally. We want the best possible clubhouse to serve the needs of both the community and the members.

Our goal is to raise over \$300,000, and we hope to have these

funds in place by December 2006, to ensure the new clubhouse is completed during the 2007 season. Our goal is to raise over \$200,000 from personal and business donations. The remainder will hopefully be committed through the cooperation of the Rural Municipality of North Norfolk, Village of MacGregor, grants through different avenues, as well as help from the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation Inc. Every step in this process is going to be very important and we are going to need the community's help.

Submitted by co-chairs Ryan Turner and Rick MacDonald.

**SO BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNITY,
AND BELIEVE IN THIS PROJECT!**

Meet Us At The Gazebo In 2006!

The MacGregor and District Kinette Club are an active eight member ladies group. Our focus is contributing to the community's greatest needs.

Projects – old and new:

- NorMac Public Skate Program
- Encounters Canada
- Christmas Cheer
- Youth For Christ Programs
- Healthy Monday Breakfast Program
- Santa Parade
- Emergency Fund Soup & Pie
- May – Farm Safety Day
- Babysitting Course
- Partnering with MES for the 25th Terry Fox Run

We are very excited about our first major project . . . a Gazebo for the Park dedicated to the late Mr. Fred Coates. The park will

be beside the beautiful new Co-op building and parking lot. We are proud to be working with the Communities in Blooms and Co-op to create a beautiful town focal point! The Co-op is arranging the cement as well as drawing up the plans. We look forward to displaying the final plans when they are completed. We will continue to fundraise until the park is completed, so we look forward to the community coming together in support making the Town Square complete in time for the 125th Homecoming!

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted us at the Austin Threshermen's Reunion Food Booth . . . without your assistance we would not be able to contribute to so many events in our community.

If you are interested in assisting with any of these above mentioned projects please contact any Kinette. We would love a chance to welcome you!

The Community Ties Project

The Community Ties Building, a 7,000 square foot exhibit building was constructed on the Manitoba Agricultural Museum grounds. This building was completed in 2005 with the new Community Ties Exhibit set to be opened in July 2006. The exhibit's main focus is to show the effects development of transportation has had on rural Manitoba farmers and their sup-

porting communities.

Phase One of the exhibit, which explains how settlement and the early development of road and rail infrastructure affected rural Manitobans will be completed in June 2006.

The support of the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation towards this heritage endeavor is greatly appreciated.



Cairn Committee To Launch Book

The School Cairn Committee of North Norfolk is pleased to announce the launch of "Schoolhouse Memories": a memoir of schooldays of the past from the municipality of North Norfolk.

Left to right:
Tracy
MacDonald
artist; Donna
Gamache
Editor; Nancy
Allan Minister
of Labour and
Immigration
at the
Schoolhouse
Memories
book launch.



The book launch took place November 5th at the North Norfolk-MacGregor Library in MacGregor.

Stories for the "Schoolhouse Memories" have been collected over the last year and a half, and have now been compiled by editor, Donna Gamache. The cover drawing is by Tracy MacDonald, who also contributed other sketches for the book. About 125 people – both teachers and students – wrote stories, with more than 30 schools being represented. To help with expenses, the committee was fortunate to receive a Culture, Heritage and Tourism grant.

Did you know that one area resident now lives in the school she once attended? And that one young student was quite happy to take a dose of castor oil if it meant he could miss a day of school? If these stories intrigue you, then you'll want to purchase a copy of "Schoolhouse Memories". This can be obtained at the library, or by contacting Lorraine Chant, President of the Cairn Committee. Price is \$25.00. (Shipping charges will be an extra \$10.00 if required.)



FRIENDS – \$100 - \$999

Elsmith School Historical Group
 MacGregor Collegiate Graduating Class of 2001
 MacGregor and District Rodeo
 Women and Wellness
 Annie Thompson
 Elsie Sims
 Netta Butterfield
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 MacGregor Jr. Rifle Club
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FRIENDS IN MEMORY – \$100 - \$999

Bob McKelvy	Mabel Butterfield
Florence Hay	Lyla Lamb (Marcia)
Doug Lamb	Audrey Hay (Betty Jean)
Clare Tarr	Margaret Irwin (Glenna Cobbe)
Fern Catt	Harvey Gilbert
Herma Kelly	Ethel Lintott
Phyllis Pennell	Robert Sims
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Ed & Mamie Chant (Muriel & Fred Snaith)	
Roy & Lil Glover (Bev & Don MacDonald)	
George & Janet Hay (Ted Hay)	
Sid Hay (Shirley Lowe)	
Russell & Martha Hay (Ken & Marjorie Hay)	
Dan & Nellie McDougall (Viola Beach)	
Doug MacGregor (Marion MacGregor)	
Joe & Annie Morris (Glenn & Donna Morris)	
Joe & Mae Nelson (The Family)	
Martha McKelvey Scott (Winnifred Gordon)	
Lawrence Smith (Audrey Smith)	
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FOUNDERS – \$1,000 - \$4,999

ABJO Trucking – Abe & Pearl Thiessen
 Austin & Area Lions Club
 Carl & Gladys Bergquist
 Arthur Butterfield
 Robert & Lorraine Chant
 Christianson & Christianson
 Joyce Clark
 Jack Clark
 Hope Collier
 Darwin & Arlene Crabbe
 Alda Critchlow
 Olive & The Late Robert Edgar
 Sandi Gilbert
 Audrey Hay
 Eadie Henderson
 Albert & Joyce Jaeger
 Doug & Dorothy Lamb
 Roy & Annie Leckie

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November, 2005



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BENEFACTORS – \$1,000 - \$4,999

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 Doug Lamb Estate
 Alf Graham (100th Birthday)
 Bagot Community Club
 North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book
 Anonymous

BENEFACTORS – IN MEMORY – \$1,000 - \$4,999

Dorothy Rodgers
 Harry & Helen Dankesreiter (Donna & Carol)
 Garth Anderson (The Family)

BUILDERS – \$5,000 - \$9,999

Don & Isobelle Wright
 Carl Bergquist
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 Tom & Janice Kelly
 MacGregor Fire Brigade
 North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book Committee

PATRONS – \$10,000 +

Carl McGregor
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DESIGNATED FUNDS

MacGregor Cemetery Fund –
 for MacGregor Cemetery Upkeep
 Gothic Temple Lodge #49 –
 MCI bursary for most improved student in S4
 who is continuing their education
 Derek Bomak Memorial Fund –
 MCI Bursary

Legacy Clubs

*You can help us reach our new goal of
 raising \$1,000,000 by December 2010.*

Three categories – Friends, Builders and Patrons –
 will continue.

Founder has been replaced by Benefactor. You can
 be one of the first members of the new Benefactor
 category by donating a gift of \$1,000 or more.

If you are a member of one of the standing clubs,
 you can change category by adding to your
 previous gift.



North
 Norfolk-MacGregor
 Foundation Inc.

For more information, contact the R.M. of North
 Norfolk office at 685-2211
 for the names and phone numbers
 of the Board of Directors.

Website:

www.manitobacommunityfoundations.ca/northnorfolk/

Henderson Heritage House Garden Officially Dedicated

July 20th was a day of great celebration in MacGregor! After two years (or more) of planning, designing, yard preparation and fund raising (not to mention anticipation), the Henderson Heritage House Garden was officially dedicated. The day was made special for Eadie Henderson by the sound of bagpipes and the swirl of the highland dancer's kilt. The many volunteers who gave countless hours of labour were excited to see so many visitors attend the special occasion.

The garden consists of an appealing mix of shrubs, trees, bushes and flowers distributed along with a winding brick path leading to a sitting area complete with fountain. What a peaceful spot to rest. What a great addition to the array of parks and sitting areas that are found throughout the village.

The garden is adjacent to the Henderson Heritage House which was generously donated to the village by long-time resident Eadie Henderson. Miss Henderson gifted her home (and all the beautiful contents) and property to the village out of the gratitude she feels for the people of the village who have displayed a great community spirit. She was especially impressed by the work of the Communities in Bloom volunteers and wanted to make a contribution to the beautification efforts of the many community volunteers. What she did was make a gift that will have great benefit to the community for generations to come; a gift of a period house and garden that will draw many visitors.

Looking at the completed gardens Miss Henderson could only express her amazement and her deep belief that "miracles do happen".



Henderson Heritage House and Gardens.

Season's Greetings

WELCOME TO SIDNEY!

While passing, or coming into Sidney, watch for two new signs along the Trans Canada highway in 2006. The hamlet appears to be one of the few places that did not have a community sign acknowledging its existence.

With the help from several raffles, the municipality and the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation, two signs have been purchased. The signs depict the sandhills and Jackson Lake both representing the area. Committee members are now waiting for final approval from the Highway Department.

Progressive Ag Safety Day

Children in farming communities such as ours are often in unsafe situations. They need to be able to recognize hazards and know how to act in dangerous situations. To this end, a Progressive Ag Safety Day camp will be held in May of 2006. At this Camp Grade 6 and 7 students from MacGregor and Austin will go through different situations, each highlighting potential hazards – with ATVs, farm and lawn equipment, first aid and fire, rail and roadways, firearms, sun, animals, chemical and resulting disabilities. This is a first-time event for our community, but if it helps prevent one unfortunate accident it will be worthwhile. If you would like to be involved either as a sponsor or a hands-on volunteer contact Carly Lyall or Robert Sattler.

MacGregor & District Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber has started the 2005 year with an executive committee being formed consisting of:

Chairman – Keith McFall

Treasurer – Don Braaksma

Directors – Tanya Mason, Elaine Taylorson, Edith Hulley, Darwin Crabbe.

The Chamber has already started planning events such as a parade and Pancake Breakfast for the upcoming Village's 125th Birthday on the weekend of July 7-9, 2006.

Anyone wishing to join the chamber or voice any concerns regarding issues in our community should contact a member of the executive for meeting dates.

MacGregor Town and Country Golf Club Update

MacGregor Town and Country Golf Club has come through a very challenging summer. Unusual heavy, prolonged rainstorms managed to close our course to carts and even golfers for 2 to 3 weeks in total.

Our green fees were noticeably down in June and July but certainly rebounded in August, September and October. We finished the last few months with our course in exceptionally fine shape.

Another new adventure was operating our temporary Clubhouse. We purchased and renovated a small building in April and opened for business on May 9, 2005. Excellent food and drinks were served every day until October 16th.

The Board thanks the MacGregor North-Norfolk Foundation for their generous support in 2004, enabling us to build 9 lockers for juniors to use.

In 2005 we received a grant towards the purchasing of a blade for our tractor.

~~~~~ North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation Endowment Doubled ~~~~~



Jim Price

A single donation of more than \$400,000 doubled the endowment fund of the North Norfolk MacGregor Foundation. That donation came from the estate of the late Jim Price of the Firdale district.

The foundation board honoured the memory of Jim Price at its annual meeting on June 16, 2005 at Austin. Price's family was present to accept a certificate in recognition of his generous gift.

Jim Price was born in June, 1931 in Firdale. After attending school in Firdale, Price continued to work on the family farm, raising Angus cattle and grain. In 1996, Price sold the farm and moved with his mother to Carberry. In 1999, he married Marjorie Manns and continued to live in Carberry. Before illness set in, he

loved to floor shuffle, play pool, and bowl. He especially loved to golf.

Price was a quiet, private man who was very supportive of many organizations. Although he moved away from Firdale, he never really left the farm community, keeping in touch by phone and through frequent visits. He was a loving, caring man.

To ensure that others would continue to enjoy the community that he loved, he had the foresight to look beyond today to benefit the future. He planned ahead and his commitment to rural life was reflected in his generous gift to the North Norfolk MacGregor Foundation.



June 16, 2005, North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation Inc. Annual Meeting: Certificate Presentation to Jim Price's Family. Pictured (left to right): Allan Manns, Gordon Nelson, Brenda Nelson, Marjorie Price, and Board member Danny Rintoul.

~~~~~ North Norfolk-MacGregor Library Moves Into New Building ~~~~~

One of the most exciting developments in the past year was the move of the library into its new facility.

The Rural Municipality of North Norfolk and the Village of MacGregor are the proud owners of the building. The Austin Credit Union donated the parcel of land on which the building was constructed.

Thanks to the many volunteer hours and financial support through grants, both local, provincial and federal the new library became a reality.

Volunteers moved approximately 8,500 books from the old library to the new one. After a few days to settle in and arrange everything, the library re-opened on December 7th.

Now, here we are, almost a year later and we are elated with our success. We have set many new records for daily, weekly and monthly circulation. We have received many positive comments on our new building, inside and outside. The greenspace is very attractive and appealing.

Several changes resulted from the move, including a change in hours and days the library is open. The library is now open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, as well as Tuesday evening. Another new feature was the addition of a book drop in front of the library, to be used when the library is not open. This has proved especially useful for rural residents.

There is also a much expanded video section and several tables for research use. The multi-purpose room is available for meetings or educational classes. (A small donation is requested to assist with cleaning and coffee supplies.) The archives committee also has a room in the library for files of historical material.

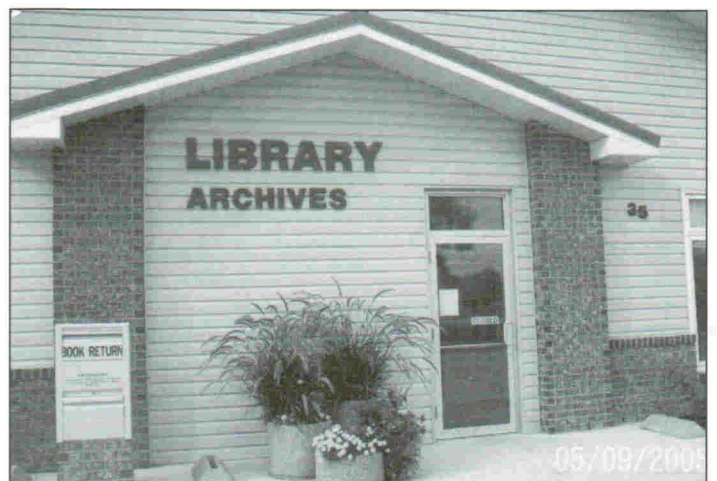
Other popular additions have been more computers with internet connections, the children's section with tables and chairs, and the addition of an adult reading area with easy chairs for relaxing.

We have received many donations big and small. Our Lamb-Birkett reading area, in memory of Doug Lamb and Norman Birkett is used by many.

We are very pleased with the generous donations in 2003 and in 2004 from the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation that enabled us to build a very useful Librarian centre / circulation department.

All in all we as Library board and staff are thrilled the Library is no less than we expected and more successful than we had hoped for.

The official "Grand Opening" of the building was held on June 11th with a number of dignitaries and a large crowd in attendance.



THIS GREAT NEW BUILDING BECAME A REALITY!

Leveling the Playing Field

In May 2005, the Manitoba Government announced a new Bursary Program for Rural and Northern Students.

The Scholarship and Bursary Building Incentive Program is intended to support northern and rural students who face extra costs related to their post-secondary education.

The Manitoba Government has initiated a 5-year program that will provide \$100,000 per year to Manitoba Community Foundations for creating long-term educational endowments.

The funding will be divided amongst Manitoba Community Foundations based on the success of their local endowment building efforts. It provides tangible recognition to the importance of community efforts at building bursaries and scholarships funds through Manitoba's network of community foundations.

The North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation embraces

this new program and has established a community educational endowment fund. We invite interested community members to contribute to this fund. There is no minimum gift. Matching dollars will be prorated and added to each bursary fund created. This is a wonderful opportunity to have our gifts topped up with provincial dollars. The specific needs of the rural area are being recognized.

Another option enables local donors to establish a bursary fund in their name. The minimum capital contribution threshold for a donor under this option will be \$5,000.00. Either way, this is a great opportunity to help our local students who have to relocate from our communities to pursue post-secondary education.

For further information contact any board member or go to www.mbfdn.org

Rainbow Spray Park

The Rainbow Spray Park was built in 2004 in the MacGregor Centennial Park, adjacent to the tennis courts and Lions campground. Because of its central location, it is easily accessible to children. The park setting with its beautiful gardens provides the parents and caregivers with a pleasant and restful place to watch from and to share in the fun. The facility is free of charge to all users.

The first phase, at cost of \$50,000 to build, was done with lots of community support and volunteers helped with all aspects of the project. In phase two we have one water cannon ready to be installed in 2006 and we have applied for a bingo for fundraising for another one. We need approximately \$8,000 to finish this project.

The North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation has been a very generous supporter of our cause. They have donated \$4,500 to the committee for the only water feature in the area. The Spray Park is an excellent addition for our residents. It helps attract guests to our community and municipality and perhaps extends their stay. It is a refreshing and inviting place to bring your children and grandchildren on a hot summer day.

Thank you to the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation for all their support in the Rainbow Spray Park.



RAINBOW SPRAY PARK

Never say that you have no time. On the whole, it is those who are busiest who can make time for yet more, and those who have more leisure time who refuse to do something when asked. What we lack is not time, but heart.
Henri Boulard, Egyptian Jesuit Priest. From "Patches of Godlight"

Volunteer Spirit in Our Schools

CHILDREN RUNNING FOR CHILDREN

Running across Canada? Yes, that's just what Mr. May's grade 5/6 class is doing. Starting out in St. John's Newfoundland, their goal is to reach Victoria, BC by June. To date they just passed Fredericton, NB.

"It's good exercise and it's cool that we are raising money for the Children's Hospital," said student and runner, Connor Anderson. Students will soon be canvassing the community as they have dedicated the run to raising money for the Children's Hospital in Manitoba.

"I'm really proud of them for what they are doing," said teacher, Mr. May. Students are running every day during one of their recess breaks.

LEADERSHIP STARTS EARLY AT AUSTIN

The grade 7 and 8 Austin non-band students are currently participating in an enhancement health and LA class. This leadership class focuses on developing the students' leadership skills.

The students will participate in organizing and running school-wide activities, the virtue program, beautifying the school, recycling program and taking school clothing orders.

On Veteran's Week in September, five students from this class helped place crosses with poppies on graves of veterans at the Austin Cemetery.

UNIQUE REMEMBRANCE

For the 25th Anniversary for Terry Fox the Austin School decided to create something special and unique to remember those touched by cancer. The school sold quilt squares of either quilting fabric or printer friendly canvas paper. The squares could be decorated in any way to make a connection to cancer. Each square sold for \$20.00 and all proceeds went to the Terry Fox Run. Some people chose to make a cash donation and not create a square.

The quilt which raised \$680.00 will be hung in the new community hall in a place of honour.

MCI STUDENTS DIG IN

In the month of September the 40S Biology class helped plant trees in the community of MacGregor. This was a very well thought-out plan to involve the students in the Communities in Bloom Project. With the help of Mrs. V. McGregor and many other volunteers, the class helped plant over 50 trees. These trees will replace others that had been cut down or have fallen down in the past few years. The class is going to be involved in many different types of these projects in the community. Projects such as this tie into the Conservation of Biodiversity unit of the Senior 4 Biology curriculum. During the spring months of the school year the students have planned to clean the creek that runs through the town. This will encourage students to take action in their communities.



Back Row: (Left to Right) Matthew Dyck, Devin Makinson, Josh Loewen, Eric Manastyr, Nathan Loewen, David Sattler, Mike Wiebe, Jordan Anderson, Aaron Thiessen.
Front Row: Nadine Blankvoort, Ashleigh Unger, Kara Johnson

Grants Given 1997 to December 2005

Youth.....	\$11,944.00	Heritage	\$13,900.00
Education	\$6,614.00	Community Halls	\$7,500.00
Beautification / Environment.....	\$4,536.00	Tourism	\$3,100.00
Health	5,100.00	Seniors	\$1,785.00
MacGregor Cemetery Designated Fund....	\$7,490.68	Library	\$8,455.00
Recreation.....	\$8,300.00	Cemeteries	\$7,510.68

Happy Birthday MacGregor

Village of MacGregor's 125th Birthday! Homecoming Celebrations / School Reunion July 7, 8 & 9, 2006

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, July 7, 2006

Registration All Day @ NorMac Centre
 Showcase of Talent – afternoon @ Co-op parking lot
 School Tours – afternoon
 Karaoke / Dance – 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
 @ NorMac Centre

Saturday, July 8, 2006

Opening Ceremonies / Pancake Breakfast
 – 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. @ Co-op parking lot
 Parade – 12 Noon Downtown

Battle of the Bands – afternoon @ Co-op parking lot
 Golf Tournament / Ball Tournament / Decade Parties
 / Library Tours / Children's Activities – all day
 Cold Plate Supper – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. @ NorMac Centre
 Dance – 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. @ NorMac Centre

Sunday, July 9, 2006

Church Service

For more information visit our website at:

www.villageofmacgregor.com

or call in the daytime – Village of MacGregor 685-2211
 evening – Elaine Taylorson 685-2669

About Manitoba Community Foundations

The community foundation movement in Manitoba, and in Canada, began with the establishment of The Winnipeg Foundation in 1921. Now the second-largest community foundation in the country, The Winnipeg Foundation was Manitoba's only community foundation until it was joined by the Brandon and Virden Area Foundations in the 1960s. Three more community foundations were established in Western Manitoba by the end of the 1980s.

The community foundation movement is often described as the fastest growing area of philanthropy in Canada. The performance of Manitoba community foundations in 2001 would certainly support this statement. Growth in the number of community foundations in Manitoba skyrocketed from 6 to 30 through the 1990s to today.

Manitoba communities have embraced the concept of establishing permanent endowment funds and using investment earnings from those funds to support worthwhile, local projects that enhance the quality of life in their communities. Today, Manitoba has more community foundations per capita than any other region of the country.

Manitoba Community Foundations:

- * Pool the charitable gifts of many donors into permanent, income-earning endowment funds that benefit local communities.
- * Make grants, using the earnings from these funds, to support a wide range of local initiatives - including health, education, social services, arts and culture, and the environment.
- * Provide leadership to their communities by bringing people together from all sectors to identify and address local issues.

NNMF Supports Community Groups

The North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation is committed to supporting community groups who dedicate their efforts to community betterment. This commitment was evident as the Board of the Foundation closed the year by making grants to local community groups.

An essential ingredient of community life is a building for gathering as a community. In Austin and MacGregor, there are committees dedicated to ensuring a gathering place is present in each community. The Austin Hall Committee has been fund raising in its work towards a new community hall, replacing the hall that no longer meets the needs of the community. In MacGregor, the need for a golf clubhouse has spurred an active committee to undertake the challenge of raising funds to provide the local community members with, not only a clubhouse, but a year-round restaurant.

In recognition of the leadership shown in advancing these projects, the Foundation has made a major commitment to each community committee. \$15,000 has been granted over a three year period to assist each committee in the realization of their dream

for a community gathering place. In addition, \$1,000 was granted to each committee to assist in their fund raising activities.

The Foundation finished the fiscal year with other grants to projects whose focus is community improvement. The Austin/Sidney Nursery School will be able to purchase a sand table for the children with a grant of \$500 given by the Foundation. \$3,000 was granted to the MacGregor Health Centre to supplement their funds in arranging for a "Quiet Room" in support of their goal to provide appropriate palliative care for the community. The MacGregor Archives Committee is looking forward to constructing an information display case at the MacGregor Cemetery. That vision will be greatly assisted by a grant of \$1,000 committed by the Foundation.

The Foundation's last meeting of the year, held December 1st at the North Norfolk-MacGregor Library, was about recognizing community leadership in the area that makes up the Foundation's region. Grants were made in recognition of community leaders' attempts to make improvements in the quality of life enjoyed by community members.

“Building for Our Future”