

to us - Community Counts



a North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation

NEWSLETTER

Winter
2009

Ready for Sunshine and/or Rain!

The grandstand at the Manitoba Agricultural Museum has been a project, in various forms, for nearly 30 years. After the main structure and seats were replaced, the dream always was to have a roof overhead to keep the sun from beating down on the heads of the visitors during the hottest week of the year, Threshermen's Reunion! A new roof always seemed to be beyond our reach, but news came that the Portage Ex grandstand was to be demolished.

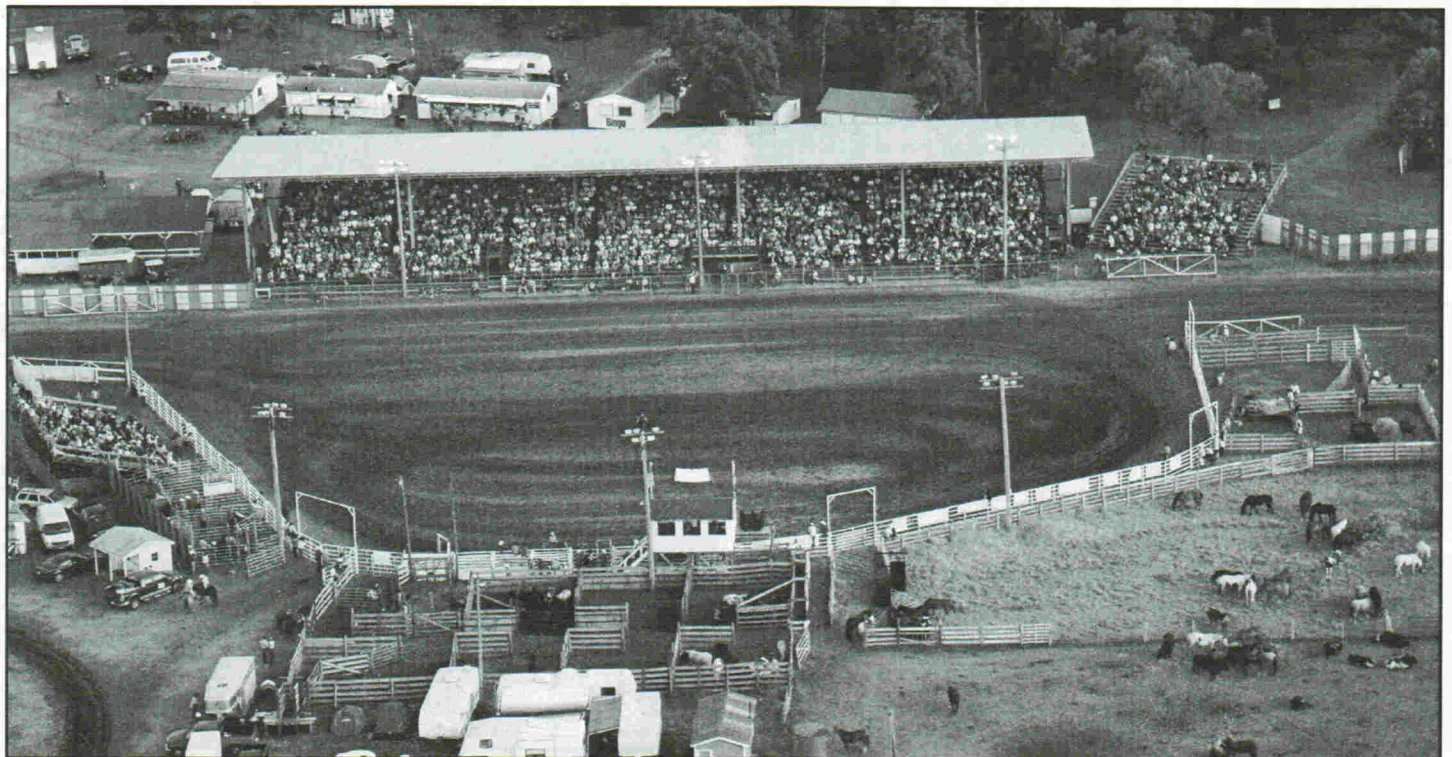
Hmmmm, is there any chance we could "recycle" the roof to the Ag Museum and will it fit? Yes, to both questions! The task of consulting with the construction company, creating the budget, funding the move, completing engineering studies, securing permits, etc. was well under way within weeks of getting approval from the Portage Industrial Exhibition Association to continue. Letters went out to all possible contributors and in less than a year the move and the dream has become a reality.

Grants and donations along with fundraising events are the major source of funding for Manitoba Agricultural

Museum to continue. It is such a great feeling to know that one does not have to look too far away for possible help. The Manitoba Agricultural Museum is very thankful to be able to work with the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation that is so locally focused on our area. Present and former residents have supplied the seed for the Foundation and to see the dollars returned to local projects and watch it grow in so many ways is wonderful.

The North Northfolk-MacGregor Foundation grandstand roof grant to the Museum, in the form of \$10,000, was the largest to date. Other grants over the past six years have been for building restoration, new building construction and the Museum playground. The annual sponsorship for the people movers is another form of the Foundation's support.

On behalf of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum, thanks to the members of the Foundation Board for their continued support of the activities and projects in the North Norfolk region of our province.



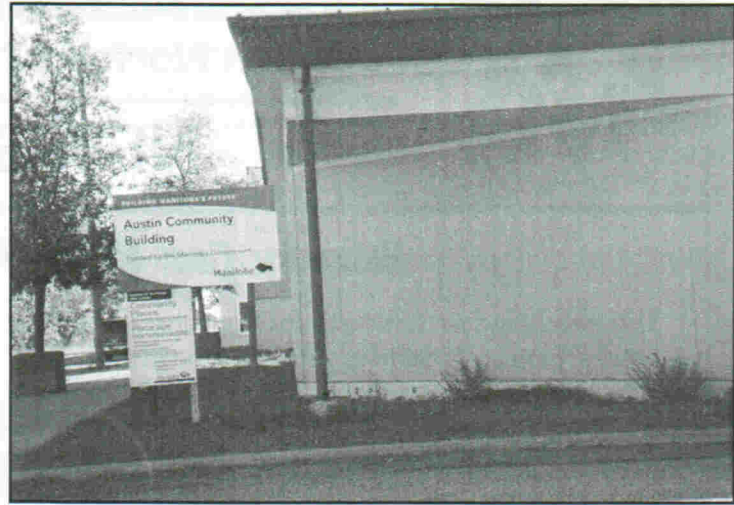
Austin Hall Near Completion

This has been an exciting year for the Austin Hall Building Committee. After four years of planning and fundraising with the help of a lot of people, shovels were finally put in the ground.

The foundation was poured and the building was erected. Electrical and plumbing pipes were laid and then covered with the concrete floor! Hydro, gas and water and sewer were brought into the building.

The inside of the building is taking shape as most of the walls have been framed up. The design/building committee is now investigating the lighting component of the interior design. With lumens and candlepower, it is a real learning experience. The community received a pleasant surprise this year when in May, they were advised that the hall building project had been included in the Building Canada stimulus funding. MP Candice Hoepfner was in Austin on May 19th for a tour of the hall and to present the area residents with a giant cheque for \$216,000.

Fundraising is still ongoing for the new kitchen with a high-tech dishwasher and a walk-in cooler, exterior signage, landscaping and completion of the parking lot once the old hall is gone.



Long Awaited Addition at Austin Cemetery

The Austin Cemetery Committee has been in the process of wanting to display the names and location of the interments in the Cemetery. The Committee approached the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation for help in erecting an information display board.

Granted with financial help from the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation and the design and construction help from the RM of North Norfolk shop staff, the Committee was able to complete this long awaited info board. Thank you to all.

The info sign is located by the Austin Cemetery cenotaph. Watch for the burial lists and map next spring. The Committee is still looking for more information on unmarked and other possible graves. Requests for more information will be posted on the board.



Austin Pre-School Connections

The Austin Pre-School Connections is a group that was formed in 2001. The goal over the past few years is to bring pre-school programming and activities into our local community. A variety of successful programs have been well attended by community members from all over the R.M. of North Norfolk. Below you will find a list of programs that are being held in Austin and a brief description of each. Funding for these programs is received from both the Healthy Child Coalition and Pine Creek School Division. An additional \$2,000 was presented by the NNM Foundation at the annual celebration.

Shake Rattle and Roll

This is a parent/child physical activity program encouraging early movement and co-ordination using song and a variety of equipment such as beanbags, balls, etc. This program is for children ages 2-4 years old. The 6-8 week session is run twice a year and is held in the gym at Austin Elementary School on Monday evenings.

Kit and Kaboodle

Kit and Kaboodle is a family literacy and language program. Each session includes a circle time for rhymes and songs, a sound game, a group story and parent/child book sharing time. This is a 6-8 week session that runs twice a year for Pre-School children ages 18 months to 5 years, and their parents. This program is held at the Austin Community Centre.

Book Bags

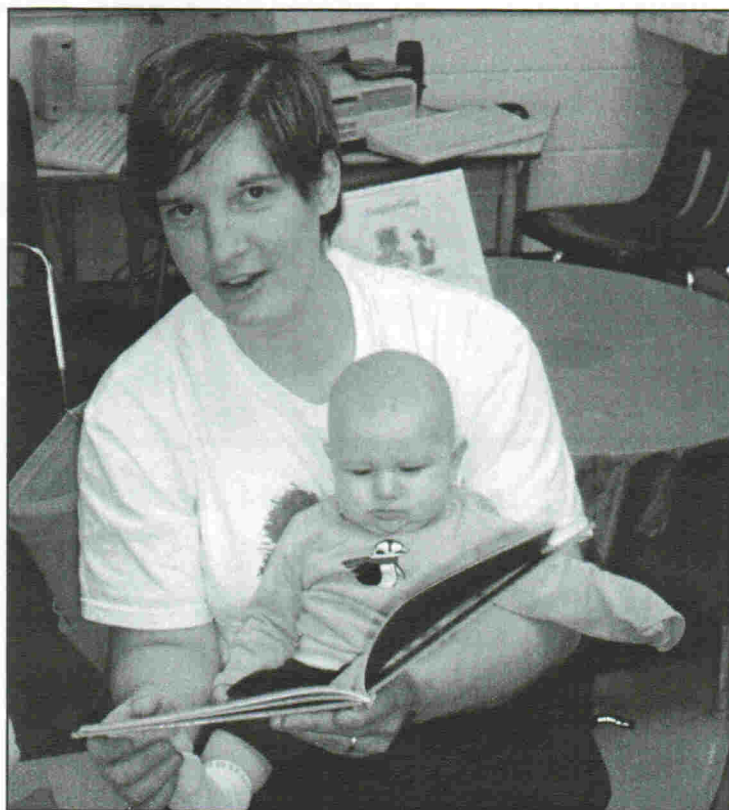
Presently 90 theme bags are available for loan. Each bag contains books and activities based on themes. These bags are housed in the library at Austin Elementary School and can be borrowed at any time. Books and activities are suitable for children 0-7.

DVD Lending Library

Many educational DVDs have been purchased over the past few years. These DVDs are housed in the library at Austin Elementary School and can be borrowed at any time. These DVDs are suitable for children 0-7.

Pre-School Literacy/Numeracy Sessions

The Pre-School Literacy/Numeracy Sessions are parent-child oriented and are set up as center activities. Parent and child rotate through a variety of literacy/numeracy centers based on particular theme for that day. These sessions in October run once a month and are located in the Kindergarten classroom in Austin Elementary School. All children attending the sessions leave with a story book and activities to use at home. Pre-registration is required for these Literacy/Numeracy sessions. Other groups have expressed interest in this program. For more information, please contact Kim Young at Austin Elementary School at 637-2240 or by email at kyoung@pinecreeksd.mb.ca.



Community Ties Building

In May of this year, the grand opening of the Community Ties Building at the Manitoba Agricultural Museum was held. Representatives from all the contributors were asked to attend to help celebrate the occasion. After some welcoming speeches and ribbon cutting by Elsie Sims, a time for networking and refreshments was held.

*Carl Zacharias, contractor; Elsie Sims, donor;
Gerald Dueck, Ag Museum President*



MacGregor Multiplex a "Go"

Now you should start seeing a difference!! It has been a long road, but construction is well underway now. After a long wait, due to moisture in the ground, the foundation for the multiplex was completed. Now, the floor and walls are going up. Where did the summer go...but I know we aren't the only ones asking that question this year. Progress has been made on the mechanical and electrical side. The bids have been awarded and final costing is being completed at this time.

Money is always an issue when it comes to fundraising

and we are trying our best to get this project fully funded. Commitments that were made will be part of the fundraising that is still ongoing, as well as our annual Christmas dinner and possibly an auction in the spring. Currently the projected funding shortfall is approximately \$150,000 so we need to keep working with our community for fundraising.

Thanks to those who have helped us get this far and we look forward to working with others to try and help get this new building complete!!

New Library Shelving Thanks to Foundation Grants!

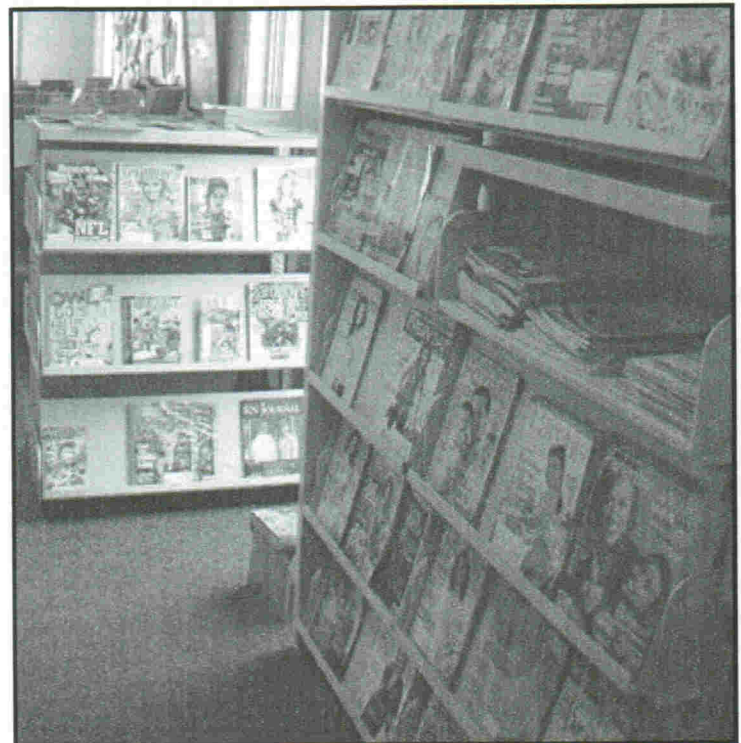
The patrons of the North Norfolk MacGregor Library take pleasure in reading the large selection of magazines in the library's collection. There are magazines for numerous interest areas and age groups. Two new shelving units give the clients easier access to their preferred materials.

Thanks to a generous grant from the North Norfolk MacGregor Foundation, the library was able to purchase a new wall display and storage unit for a large number of the adult subscriptions. This unit displays the most current issue and provides storage for back issues. It prolongs the life of the magazines and is very user friendly.

The MacGregor YIP group granted the library with a second gift of money. This grant, combined with several in memory donations to the library made possible the purchase of a free standing magazine unit for the young adult, teen and children's magazine subscriptions.

These two additions have been well received by both patrons and staff.

The continued support from the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation and the YIP is greatly valued.



A Clear View

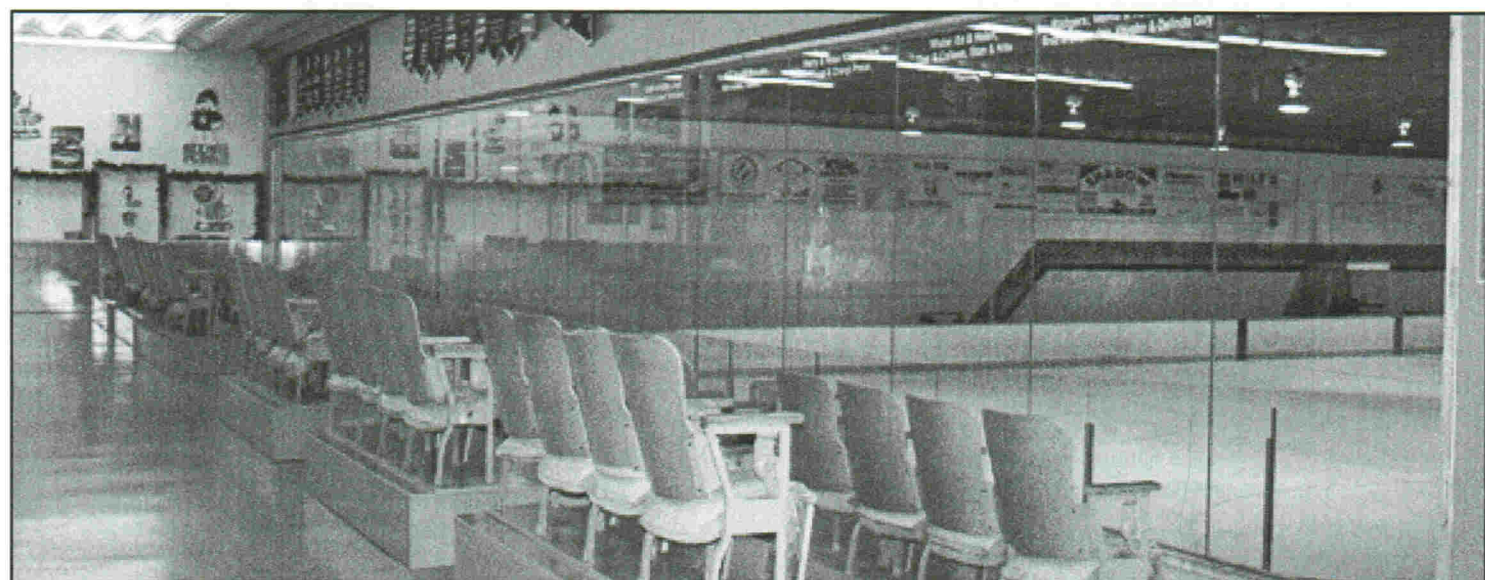
In late 2008, a group of community-minded volunteers and suppliers came together and gave MacGregor's H&H Trailers Normac Centre a significant facelift. Seamless viewing glass was installed in the interior seating area on the south side of the skating rink to allow for a clear and unobstructed view of the ice surface. Dubbed the "Clearview" project by the 2008 Grade 5-M class of the MacGregor Elementary School, the task was undertaken in September 2008 and was completed within 3 weeks. The community truly embraced this venture, and many volunteers, sponsors and donors all pitched in. With the help of the Foundation and private fundraising, enough was raised to not only purchase and install glass on the skating rink side of Normac Centre, but also to purchase the glass for the curling rink side as well. Currently, there is some trim work to complete on the skating rink side, and the curling rink installation is yet to be done.

On December 28, 2008, the volunteers and sponsors of

this project were recognized at the Grand Opening of the Clearview project. The names of the Clearview donors are displayed within the Centre as a way to acknowledge their support to this worthwhile endeavour, and to leave a legacy for years to come.

In March 2009, the Clearview project had a chance to really shine as MacGregor held the 100th Anniversary Bonspiel of the MacGregor Curling Club. The skating rink was divided into curling sheets, and the newly installed seamless glass gave the hundreds of curling fans in attendance an excellent way to witness the action of this milestone event.

It is heartwarming and remarkable to witness how the community rallied around this project and made it happen in relatively short order. The organizers of this project want all who were involved in this to know that their work is truly appreciated, and to be proud to be a part of such a supportive and active community.





North Norfolk-MacGregor Donations to

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
 MacGregor-Austin Cubs
 MacGregor Jr. Rifle Club
 Manitoba Pool Elevator (Austin/MacGregor)
 Inez Ardagh
 Harry & Antoinette Blankvoort
 Jay & Millie Boschman
 Leonard & Melissa Boschman
 Louise Bovet
 Mabel Butterfield
 Mildred Cairns
 Robert & Lorraine Chant
 Clarke's Funeral Services
 Denver & Anne Collins
 Community Insurance
 Lucille Cox
 Galloway, Lapchuk, Nicoll
 Stacey & Sherry Giesbrecht
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 Eleanor Leckie
 George & Ethel Lintott
 Stan Lintott
 Harold Livingstone
 Walter Livingstone
 Jolene MacDonald
 MacGregor Chamber of Commerce
 MacGregor Collegiate Graduating Class of 1998
 MacGregor Men's Fastball Club
 Glenn & Donna Morris
 Miriam Nichol
 Omega Funeral Home
 Portage Co-op
 Portage Delta Broadcasting Ltd.
 Portage la Prairie Mutual Ins. Co.
 Reunion Community Church Service
 Dorothy Rodgers
 W. J. Saunders
 Ron & Charlene Sawatzky
 George & Florence Snaith
 Lyn & Linda Snaith
 Bryan & Georgette Stewart
 Clare Tarr

Keith & Joyce Thompson
 Brent & Shelley Zander
 Wayne & Audrey Klippenstein
 Brochures – Austin Credit Union

FRIENDS IN MEMORY – \$100 - \$999

Hope Collier
 Bob McKelvy
 Florence Hay
 Doug Lamb
 Clare Tarr
 Fern Catt
 Herma Kelly
 Colin Pennell
 Robert Sims
 Alf Graham
 Mabel Butterfield
 Lyla Lamb (Marcia)
 Audrey Hay (Betty Jean)
 Margaret Irwin (Glenna Cobbe)
 Harvey Gilbert
 Ethel Lintott
 Phyllis Pennell
 Fred Snaith
 Bob & Anne Barber (Don Barber)
 Sheryl Beasley (Denver & Anne Collins)
 Derek Bomak (Meagan Stewart, Kerry & Dixie Tomchuk)
 Herb & Louise Borton (Marion & Elaine)
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Carrothers (King T. Enta)
 Ed & Mamie Chant (Marion McGregor)
 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 McGregor (Marion McGregor)
 Joe & Annie Morris (Glenn & Donna Morris)
 Joe & Mae Nelson (The Family)
 Martha McKelvey Scott (Winnifred Gordon)
 Lawrence Smith (Audrey Smith)
 Maley Stewart (Kerry & Dixie Tomchuk)
 Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Turner (David Turner)
 John P. & Margaret Wiebe (J. P. Wiebe & Sons)
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Willot (David Turner)

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
 Keith & Kathy Lloyd
 MacGregor & District Kinsmen
 MacGregor Collegiate Founders Club
 MacGregor & District Lions Club
 Vivian McGregor
 Bob & Donna McKelvy
 Vernon & Margaret McKelvy

MacGregor Foundation Inc.

November 2010



Munro Farm Supply Ltd.
Norfolk Transport Ltd.
Edith Peck
Ed & Helen Penner
Pine Creek Farms – John & Sally Letkeman
R.M. of North Norfolk
Danny & Louise Rintoul
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Glen & Tena Sawatzky
Sawatzky Enterprises Ltd.
Grace Scora
Bob & Florence Sims
Elsie Sims
Laurie Smith
Village of MacGregor
Jacob & Susie Wiebe
REDI Grand – Province of Manitoba

FOUNDERS – IN MEMORY

– \$1,000 - \$4,999

Peter & Lilian Pearson
Nelson & Jessie Smith
George Ardagh (Inez Ardagh)
John & Jean Gilmour (Barbara & Don Craig)
Lyle Kelly (Tom & Janice Kelly)
Keith Lamb (H. Joy Lamb)
Keith Lamb (Merlin & Audrey Lamb)
Mr. & Mrs. G. Peter (David Turner)
Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Turner (David Turner)

BENEFACTORS – \$1,000 - \$4,999

Elsie Shaw
E. & H. Wiebe
Dunc & Bev Lamb
Robert Murray Estate
Doug Lamb Estate
Alf Graham (100th Birthday)
Bagot Community Club
Lavenham Community Church
North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book
Anonymous
Dorothy Birkett
Ron & Mary Kalberg
Portage la Prairie Consumers' Co-op
Aron & Trudy Hiebert

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
Bob & Donna McKelvy
Tom & Janice Kelly
MacGregor Fire Brigade
North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book Committee
In Memory of Ralph & Kathleen Lye – The Family

PATRONS – \$10,000 +

Carl McGregor
James Price Estate
Carl McGregor Estate
MacGregor and District Centennial Foundation
Don & Isobelle Wright
In Memory of Bob & Donna McKelvy – The Family

DESIGNATED FUNDS

MacGregor Cemetery Fund –
for MacGregor Cemetery Upkeep

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Gothic Temple Lodge #49 – MCI Bursary
Derek Bomak Memorial Fund
Haley Stewart Memorial
MacGregor Emergency Services Fund
Rumanick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Alf & Allison Graham Memorial Bursary
Gordon Purkess Memorial Award
"First Timothy" Award
Wilfred Alton Memorial Award

NNMF Community Education Fund -

contains contributions from:

NNM Foundation, Legion Award
Sir Walter Clifford Award
North Norfolk-MacGregor Archives
North Norfolk-MacGregor Library
MacGregor & District Lions
Homecoming 2006
Leo Rempel Carpentry
"Birthday Club"
MacGregor & Area Kinsmen

Legacy Clubs

**You can help us build up the
endowment pot and keep growing.**

Three categories – Friends, Builders and Patrons – will continue.
Founder has been replaced by Benefactor. You can be a member
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.

Your gift can be made a part of the new scholarship program.

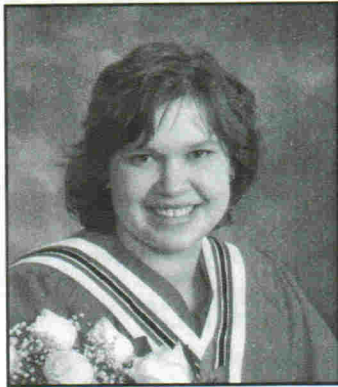


For more information, contact the
R.M. of North Norfolk office at 685-2211
for the names and phone numbers of the Board of Directors.

Website:

www.manitobacommunityfoundations.ca/northnorfolk/

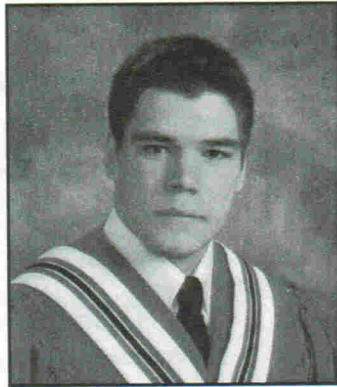
Alf & Allison Graham
Memorial Bursary



Zoe Rempel

Zoe is attending the University of Manitoba. She hopes to pursue interests in biology and entomology.

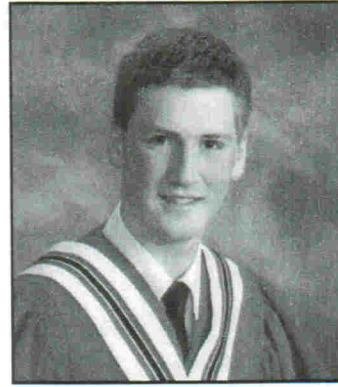
Derek Bomak
Memorial Award



Jeffrey Burke

Jeff is attending Jamestown College in North Dakota. He hopes to pursue a career in sports medicine.

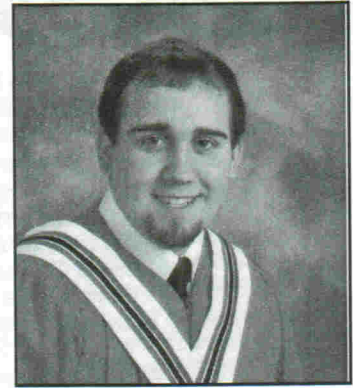
First Timothy Award



Michael Bergen

Michael is attending Millar College of the Bible. He is working towards a Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies)

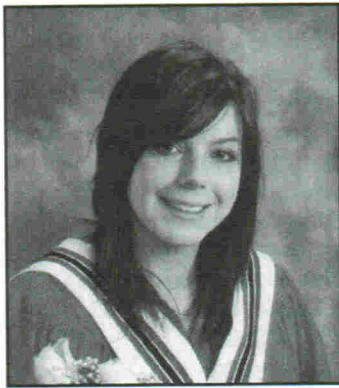
Gordon Purkess
Memorial Award



Garrett Bodie

Garrett is continuing his apprenticeship for agriculture technology at Assiniboine Community College.

Gothic Temple Lodge
Memorial Bursary



Cassandra Watson

Cassandra is continuing her apprenticeship at V&R Electrical. She plans to be an electrician.

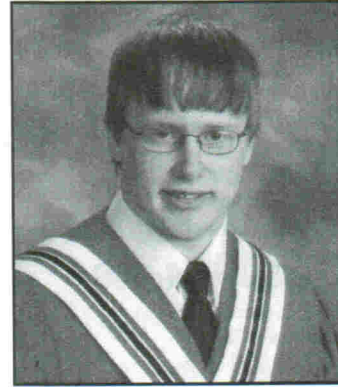
Haley Stewart
Memorial Award



Jamie Watson

Jamie is attending the University of Manitoba. She plans to pursue a career in business.

MacGregor Emergency
Services Award



Dustin Donald

Dustin is attending the University of Manitoba. He hopes to pursue a career in dentistry.

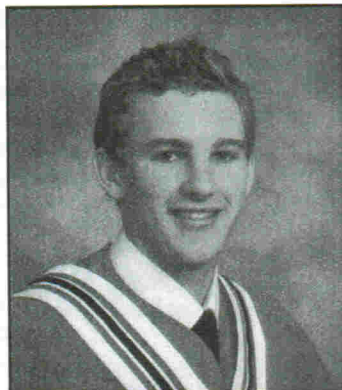
NNMF Community
Education Bursary



Kate-Lynne Manastyr

Kate-Lynne is attending Brandon University working towards a Bachelor of Education.

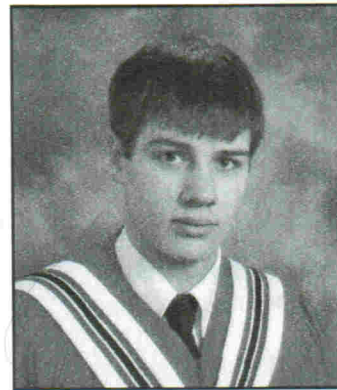
Rumancik Memorial
Award



Daniel Vermeulen

Daniel is attending the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Engineering.

Wilfred Alton
Memorial Award



Russell Unrau

Russell is attending the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Engineering.

Youth in Philanthropy - June Report

MacGregor Collegiate Institute students has the opportunity to participate in the Youth In Philanthropy program for a second year, thanks to the continued support of the Thomas Sill Foundation and the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation. Our committee continues to be comprised of a small group of students, some from last year's committee and some new numbers along with teacher advisors Heather Martens-Rempel, Elly-Finch Chambers and Heather Howarth.

Students began the year by identifying their values and forming a statement of those values. The statement of values was made from the viewpoint of the entire committee. For the 2008-2009 school year the statement of values we adhered to was "healthy lifestyles and personal development lead to vibrant communities."

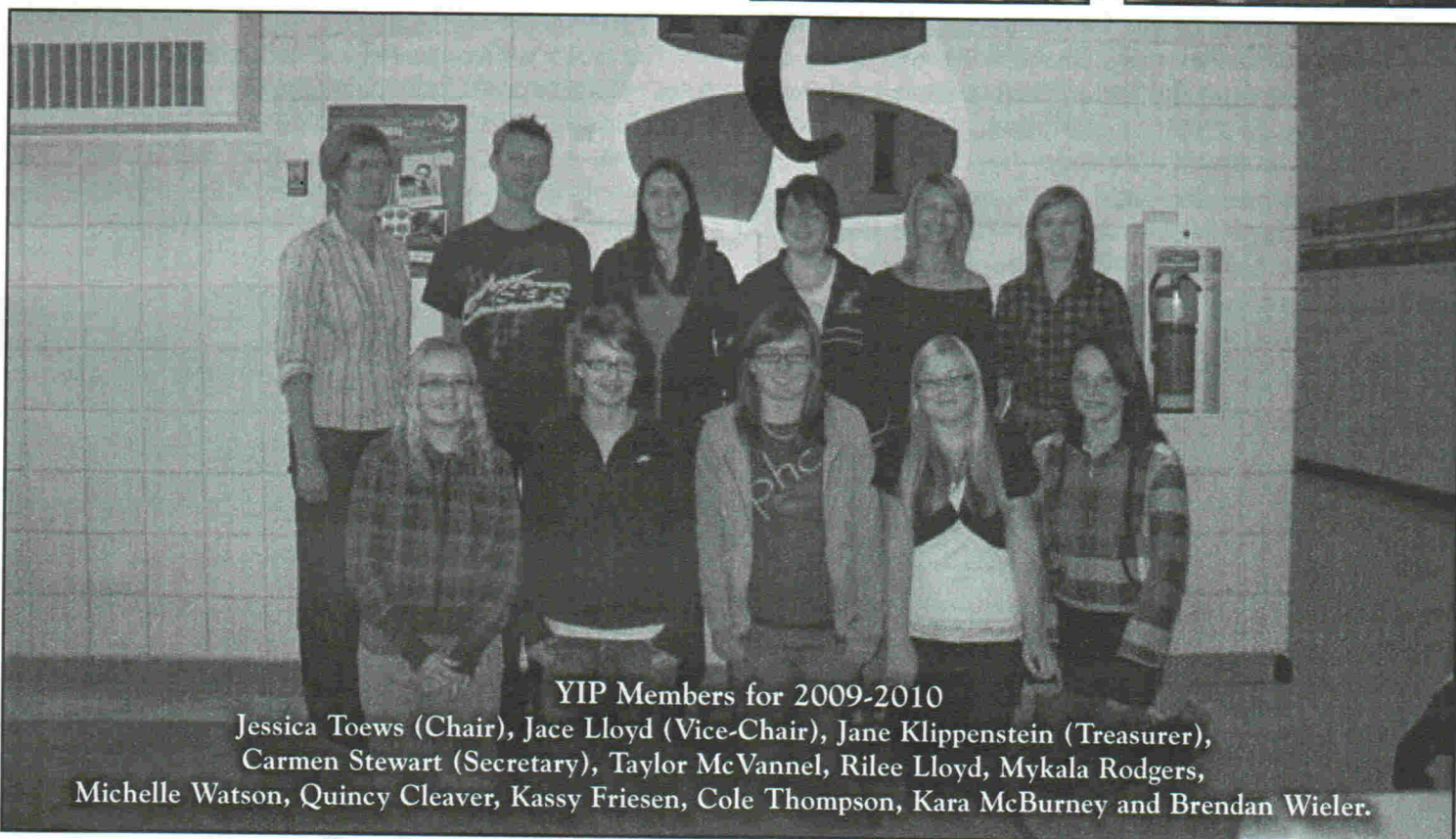
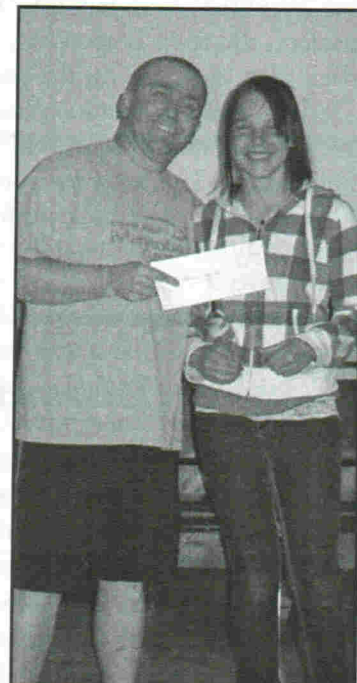
The YIP committee then set out to identify organizations within the designated area which might benefit from a grant.

Interviews were necessary for YIP members to ascertain whether or not the organization's projects fall within the parameters of their statement of values. Members of YIP were then responsible for writing a report indicating what they ascertained from their interview. This report was then presented to the entire committee.

Once all the interviews were completed and all the presentations had been made to the group, it was time to decide which organizations would receive our financial support. This was no easy task. The committee consisting of eleven members had to reach a decision by consensus. There were twelve worthy groups interviewed and we wished we had more money to give. After an afternoon of respectful debate the decision was made. YIP members were pleased to award \$500 to Healthy Mondays, \$500 to Youth For Christ, \$500 to MacGregor

Soccer Club, \$250 to Henderson House, \$250 to Healthy Communities, \$250 to the Library and \$250 to the Kinettes. We presented the money to each organization at the year end supper meeting with the Foundation Board.

This was a very rewarding process and we thank you for the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile project once again.



YIP Members for 2009-2010

Jessica Toews (Chair), Jace Lloyd (Vice-Chair), Jane Klippenstein (Treasurer),
Carmen Stewart (Secretary), Taylor McVannel, Rilee Lloyd, Mykala Rodgers,
Michelle Watson, Quincy Cleaver, Kassy Friesen, Cole Thompson, Kara McBurney and Brendan Wieler.

Annual Celebration of "One Community"

The NNMF Annual Celebration was held in the Austin Hall on June 17, 2009. The theme of the evening was "Building" and the thirty-six in attendance were reminded about how the Foundation works on building one community. Many of the projects that were helped with grants this year were building projects - building people, building ideas, building activities, and building facilities. Champions of these projects did their homework, applied to the foundation with their idea, the need for the project and their financial plan.

In a "One Community" activity, table groups made up of people from many parts of the area worked on the meaning of foundation. The answers were very enlightening and hopefully provided a springboard for the emergence of more leadership.

Grants were presented by the foundation and by the YIP group. Jennifer Guth spoke about YIP and explained the process they worked through in their decision making.

Updates on projects previously granted money from the Foundation were presented by:

Chad Bodnarchuk - Agricultural Museum Grandstand

Gorden Nelson - Austin Hall

Ryan Turner - MacGregor and District Multiplex

Cathy Christofferson - Austin Planters

Kim Young - Pre-School Connections

The Board welcomed Shawn Friesen as a new director.

Bloomin' Sidney Boosts Community Pride

The Sidney Beautification Group started about four years ago with a flower bed in an empty lot along main street. Lots of local donations of perennials and help were available in getting it started. Three years ago the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation helped purchase a park bench and four cement planters. The bench went by the flower bed and the planters by the Sidney businesses.

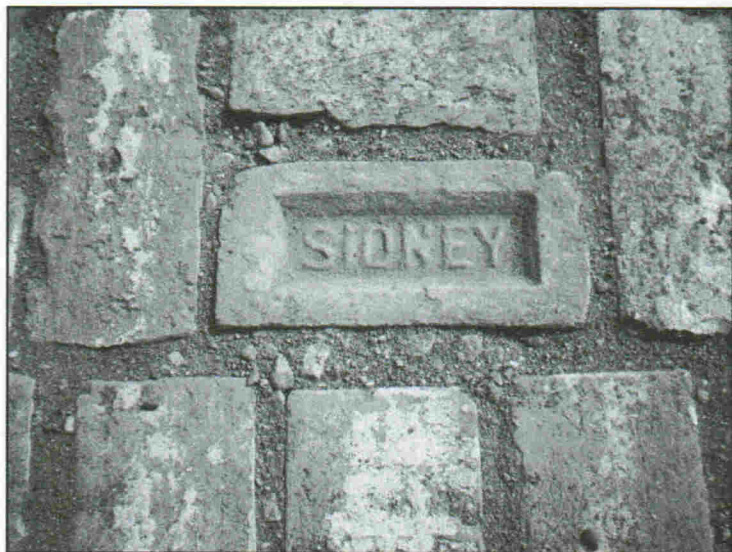
Two years ago when the lot was in the process of being sold, it was decided to map out and move the flower bed across the street from the Sidney Store. Sidney bricks were incorporated into a pad for the bench and an arbor was donated to place around the bench.

Since many travelers and bikers stop for a rest, a picnic table seemed like a needed addition. Thanks to grants from the Foundation and the RM, a cement picnic table was pur-

chased. To help keep the area clean and attractive, this year a garbage container was added. A donation of limestone rocks was fashioned into an Inukshik that resides in the flower bed. It has been admired by many.

A flagpole might be the next addition so the town can have a Canadian flag. Other ideas have been tossed around to strive towards a completely beautiful village of Sidney that we can all be proud to call home.

The area has been created and maintained by many residents of Sidney and it is an area of pride. Our thanks to the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation for helping us achieve this.



Building, Building, BUILDING

Woven through this edition of "to us - Community Counts" is a common thread - the thread of building. It is about building community, building halls, building scholarship funds, building Community ties, building windows, building a grandstand roof, building wheelchair accessibility, building pre-school programs, building cemetery information boards, building flower beds and more.

It is so exciting to be able to be a small part of these projects in their beginning stages by providing money. It is

encouraging to partner with people who have the vision, the determination and the stamina to make good things happen to ensure that our community not only survives but also grows. Congratulations to all of you who have been involved in improving the quality of life in our community today and for generations to come.

Building up the endowment pot is one more way you can be involved. Thanks!

Access for All

The generous donation of Henderson House and the adjoining property provided MacGregor with the opportunity to preserve a piece of our heritage, and recognizes the contributions of those who went before. Henderson House is a meeting place where people can gather. It is a comfortable, friendly place where people can sit and visit in an unhurried atmosphere. It is the home that many older residents had to leave behind. It is the home that many younger folks never experienced. It is a place for social interaction. It is a place to offer cultural events and a place to display and encourage local talents. Although the house is a special place for seniors, it is also of interest to the younger generation. They have come to help and to enjoy socializing with the older people. Henderson House has become a favourite summer Saturday destination.

By the fall of 2008, it had become evident that the house needed wheelchair accessibility. Of the more than 200 visitors who enjoyed the house and the activities within, some, unfortunately had to remain outside in the garden because the steps were a barrier. Hence, plans were begun to install a ramp and provide a wheelchair accessible washroom. A quote from a government grant application "Accessible Community and recreation facilities are as much a part of our infrastructure as bridges and roads."

In the broad meaning of recreation, Henderson House is

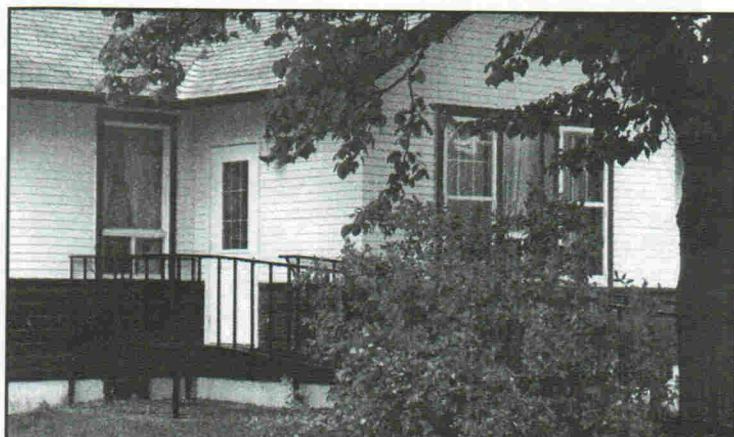
a recreation facility for seniors. It is important to the many who enjoy participating in events held there. Government funding to a maximum of \$5000 representing one third of the project's cost for the first stage was secured. The town of MacGregor, the Lions' Club, the Foundation, YIP, Communities in Bloom and individuals provided more financial help. The pork producers of Manitoba headed by Hutterian communities partnered in fundraising with our pork barbecue. The garage sale was a success. This funding combined with generous donations from the Saturday events has made the project a reality. Although some fundraising is still needed, Henderson House is wheelchair accessible. The ramp has been used by people in wheelchairs and those using walkers. How good is that!

This summer more than 300 people visited and enjoyed the cultural displays and the hospitality. Displays and events included antiques, paintings, photography, Ugandan art, carving, scrolling, and a Scottish celebration. Accessibility made it possible for many care home residents to enjoy Henderson House. A special day was held in their honor.

Eadie was ahead of her time in visualizing needs. She knew that to combat social isolation, seniors needed a "playground" where they could connect with people and do things together. She was ahead of her time, too, in knowing the importance of keeping active. What a legacy she left!



Contractor, Leo Rempel, and Glen Lloyd's first trip up the ramp.



Not Only H1N1 is Contagious

Beautification is contagious. It is spreading through our community with the addition of parks and floral display and the planting of trees. Maintaining a town, village or hamlet that is visually appealing with well cared for parks, green spaces, floral displays and murals requires commitment from councils, from staff and from dozens of dedicated volunteers. It needs residents who are on board with improvement and upkeep of their yards and schools that get young people involved.

It can include the addition of comfort and safety features, - benches, tables, lamps, garbage containers, bird baths, fountains and statuary. It requires the backing of business people

who improve the appearance of their properties. Features in the newsletter highlight a few of the above. It is obvious that North Norfolk-MacGregor people care.

Beautification not only makes our place more appealing but also increases the value of property. It improves the quality of life and health and gives people a feeling of pride. It is an invitation to "Come home."

Beautification provides many opportunities to volunteer and volunteering is good for your health!



MacGregor's New Firehall Mural

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