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a North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation

## NEWSLETTER

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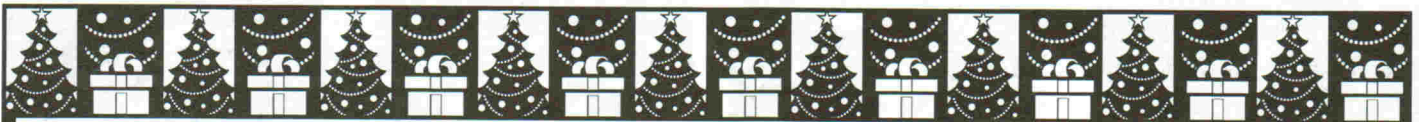


### **Report from the Youth in Philanthropy Club of MacGregor Collegiate Institute**

This year, for the first time, MacGregor Collegiate will embark on a new project with the Thomas Sill Foundation and the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation, which will teach students about philanthropy and involve them in the process of granting funds to a variety of worthy charitable projects in the North Norfolk-MacGregor area.

Students have met three times in the last few

months to promote interest in the establishment of such a group at the Collegiate and to introduce the parameters of the project. In early September, we were pleased to welcome Hugh Arklie of the Thomas Sill Foundation, who spoke to the students and staff advisors about the Thomas Sill Foundation, the Youth in Philanthropy program and the nature of grants and endowment funds. Since that time, two student representatives from the



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A gift to your community foundation is a gift that keeps growing.  
May Christmas bring you the blessing of Peace, Hope, and Joy**



*From the Board of Directors  
of the North Norfolk-MacGregor  
Foundation, our warmest  
holiday wishes and thanks to all  
for your support and generosity.*

**Vivian McGregor – Chair  
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Danny Rintoul, Janice Kelly,  
Antoinette Blankvoort, & Malcolm Burt**

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

## Youth in Philanthropy cont'd

MacGregor Collegiate YIP group, Stephanie Tomchuk and Jamie Watson, as well as the two staff advisors, Heather Martens-Rempel and Elspeth Finch-Chambers, attended information sessions on the program in Winnipeg on October 11, 2007.

The next step in the process will be to determine the particular values of the YIP group in the high school and to do some research into the variety of charitable endeavors we could support in our community and outlying areas. Grants will be given to projects which fit the nature of the values outlined by the group and which correspond to the stipulations of the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation. Monies for these projects will initially be supplied by the Thomas Sill Foundation. Students will first conduct research to ascertain the number and the nature of charitable organizations in the North Norfolk-MacGregor area, and then invite applications for grants for specific projects. Interviews will be conducted with representatives of the groups in order to determine how the funds would be used and to decide whether the projects in question correspond to the values of the MCI YIP group. Finally, decisions will be made as to which groups will ultimately receive grants from YIP. YIP will meet with NNMF to present their recommendations for approval. These grants will be presented at a celebration event to be held in late spring of 2008.

Our thanks to the Thomas Sill Foundation, the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation and especially to Vivian MacGregor and Antoinette Blankvoort, who have been instrumental in the promotion of this joint project. Thanks also to Ruth Mulligan of the Portage Collegiate YIP program for all of her help and advice in the setting up of our own program here at MCI. We look forward to working together to encourage philanthropy in our students and to help to advance worthy causes in our area.

### A Homecoming Monetary Legacy

MacGregor's 125 Homecoming celebration in 2006 was a wonderful event. Not only did those who participated in the activities have a great time, but also a monetary legacy from the homecoming remained. Money left over after bills were paid was distributed to worthy local causes:

The Hall/Clubhouse Fund	\$2,095.20
NorMac Centre	\$500.00
MacGregor Fire Department	\$500.00
Austin Fire Department	\$500.00
NWMF Community Scholarship	\$400.00
MacGregor Lions Club	\$200.00

Well done, volunteers who made this happen!

*Without a sense of caring,  
there can be no sense of community.*  
-Anthony Burgess

### Congratulations, MacGregor!

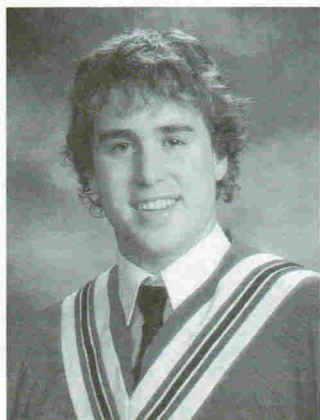
Once again we have stayed in the Winner's Circle earning 5 blooms and receiving a percentage of 88.45, our highest score yet. Special mention this year was given to Heritage preservation noting Henderson House and the Cemetery Kiosk with mapping. Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions earned us 9.5 out of 10. High scores were achieved in the landscaped areas category with floral displays earning 11.5 out of 12.

About community involvement this quote, "MacGregor is blessed with an abundance of community minded residents who volunteer with their time and money."

The summary statement, "The community of MacGregor is a jewel - now let the rest of Canada know... it's time for that sign on the Trans Canada Highway."

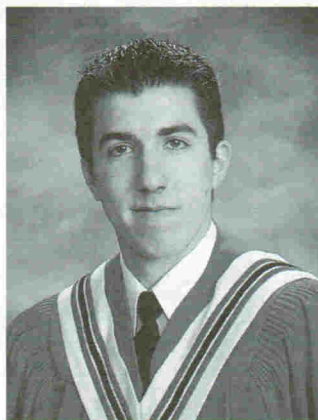
## **Scholarship/Bursary administered by North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation**

**Alf & Allison Graham  
Memorial Bursary**  
(Braden Nicoll)



Braden is enrolled in the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba.

**Derek Bomak  
Memorial Bursary**  
(Kelly Savitzky)



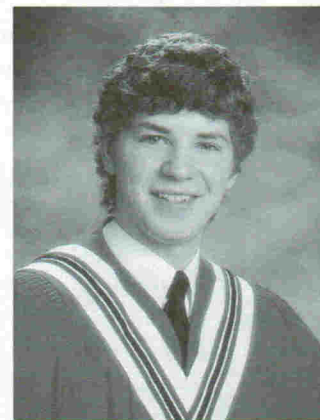
Kelly is enrolled in prerequisite courses for medical radiology at the University of Winnipeg

**First Timothy Award**  
(Andrea Porter)



Andrea is taking some courses through Mission College.

**Rumancik Memorial  
Award**  
(Cody Buhler)



Cody is attending Providence College enrolled in Media and Communications.

**Gothic Temple  
Memorial Bursary**  
(Chelsea Guy)



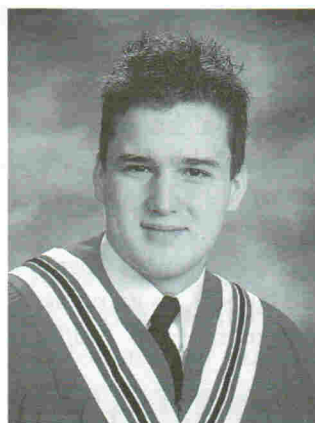
Chelsea is attending Advanced School of Hairstyling in Brandon with the intention of pursuing a business diploma at Assiniboine Community College.

**Haley Stewart Memorial  
Award & MacGregor  
Emergency Services  
Award**  
(Kassy Unrau)



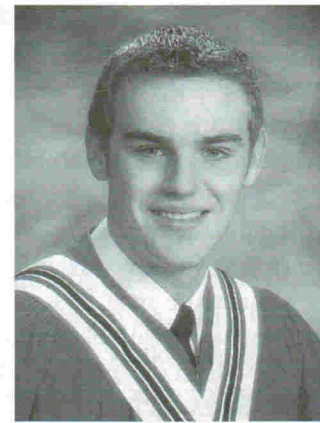
Kassy is taking prerequisite nursing courses at Brandon University.

**North  
Norfolk-MacGregor  
Foundation Community  
Education Bursary**  
(Spencer Cleaver)



Spencer is enrolled in science courses at the University of Winnipeg.

**Gordon Purkess  
Memorial Award**  
(Logan McDougald)



Logan is enrolled in the Heavy Duty Mechanics course at Red River Community College in Winnipeg.

## MacGregor Health Centre - A Quiet Celebration!

The MacGregor Health Centre's "Quiet Room" officially opened its doors on October 11th, 2007 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mrs. Miriam Nichol, former Health Centre matron and Sharon Stewart, Community Integrated Health Services Leader, cut the ribbon as part of the Health Centres 25th year Anniversary Celebrations. A large crowd was in attendance to mark the event, including members of the C.W. Lye family who donated their home and grounds in 1951 for the provision of Health Services in the area. Many long time community members, former matrons, physicians, hospital board members, former and present staff, and ladies auxiliary members were acknowledged for their contributions to health care over the last 25 years.

The staff and residents of the MacGregor Health Centre appreciate the support of the community in making projects such as the quiet room a reality. The MacGregor Health Foundation Inc and the Norfolk/MacGregor Community Foundation gave substantial monetary contributions to the Quiet room project. Donations to the MacGregor Health Foundation Inc. help provide assistance with capital projects, equipment purchases that improve the quality of life for the residents of the home. Contact Laura Burke at 685-2850 if you wish to make a donation to



Sharon Stewart, MacGregor community integrated health services leader, left, and past head matron Miriam Nichol cut the ribbon to inaugurate the new quiet room at the MacGregor Health Centre Tea, which celebrated the health centre's 25th anniversary this year.

the MacGregor Health Foundation Inc.

*My father used to say, "You can spend a lot of time making money. The tough time comes when you have to give it away properly." How to give something back, that's the tough part in life.*

*Lee Iacocca*

## "Buddies" for Life!

Once again, worthwhile projects are completed with community partnerships from our area. The MacGregor Community is pleased to have received a generous donation from the North Norfolk Community Foundation, MacGregor HealthCare Foundation, The MacGregor Healthcare Centre Auxiliary, MacGregor Lions and the MacGregor Kinettes towards First Aid equipment upgrades which meet the new First Aid standards. This equipment, being readily available, allows for more First Aid/CPR training within our community.

Purchases included ten Lifeform Basic Buddy Adults, ten Lifeform Basic Buddy babies, three AED Trainers with remotes, Epi-pen trainers, bag-valve mask, lungs, inhaler spacer trainer, carry bags and storage suitcase. The Lifeform Mannequins are equipped with their own lungs so that there is less chance of infection transfer; as it allows for one student per mannequin during practice sessions. The AED trainers are replicas of public use AED machines so they

imitate the simplicity of AED machines allowing for hands on practice. These items are utilized by our healthcare centre for staff training, available for training of our Volunteer Fire/Ambulance Service and community trainings. The MacGregor Healthcare Centre is storing the items to ensure their security and maintenance.

Recently, MacGregor Collegiate grade 10 physical education students participated in a CPR demonstration and practice session. We look forward to more opportunities of this kind to prepare youth and community members on what to do in case of an emergency.

Without NNMF's generous donation, it becomes very challenging to complete worthwhile community projects, such as this one, that can benefit everyone in the area. The North Norfolk Community Foundation willingly partnered with other groups to make this project successful. Thanks to all partners for their commitment to creating a healthy community for all of us!

## Tai Chi is here

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese art based on the philosophy of returning to a natural state of health and well-being. Each movement employs an extra degree of stretching and turning. With diligent practice, this movement produces a profound effect on all systems of the body by reducing tension, improving circulation, and increasing strength and flexibility. In addition to restoring physical vigor, the movements exert a calming influence by engaging one's total concentration.

Recognizing the great potential of this art to improve health and alleviate suffering Central Plains Cancer Care is dedicated to bringing Tai Chi to every community served so that its benefits are available to all who wish to experience them. MacGregor and Austin are two of the communities now holding weekly sessions.

On behalf of the people we serve, thank you to the North Norfolk MacGregor Foundation Board Members and all those that made possible the grant received in January 2007. The \$150.00 received was

used towards the cost of implementing this program, helping us help others.

If you are interested in the possibility of further sessions, contact Daisy Dowhy 857-6100.



Back: Lorraine Burt, Shirley Moore  
Front: Lorraine Chant, Majorie Litster, Gwen Storie

*When you yawn, chances are someone else will too.  
Ever notice how the same, for a smile holds true?  
- Anonymous*

## Healthy Community Committee

The Norfolk/MacGregor Healthy Community Committee has been meeting monthly alternating between MacGregor and Austin. Memory Lane Cafe in Austin was the site for the October meeting with Irene Koldyk chairing the meeting in the absence of Chair person Quentin Robinson.

Bill McCaskill reported that the Emergency Food Hamper Support program is now set up to meet its objectives of providing temporary assistance to residents of the municipality of North Norfolk. Participating organizations will provide basic food hampers, accompanied by a food voucher to those who are in need in the community. Participating agencies include the area ministerial, the Healthy Community Committee, and the Kinettes. For more information

on the Emergency Food Hamper Support Program, contact Bill McCaskill at EMC church or Quentin Robinson at the MacGregor United Church.

The Healthy Community Committee would like you to become involved. Projects you can become involved in are the development of walking fitness trails in our communities. Imagine an Outdoor Gym in your community alongside a scenic walking path! The Healthy Community is supporting Youth in our community through a Healthy Living Together grant. The Healthy Community is working on LOGO and powerpoint presentations. Kids in the Kitchen and programs for preschoolers are supported.

Contact Quentin Robinson or Sharon Stewart at 685-2850 for more information.



# 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  
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Herma Kelly  
Phyllis Pennell  
Alf Graham  
Mabel Butterfield  
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Audrey Hay (Betty Jean)  
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Joyce Clark  
Jack Clark  
Hope Collier  
Darwin & Arlene Crabbe  
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# MacGregor Foundation Inc.

## October, 2007



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– \$1,000 - \$4,999

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

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 Dunc & Bev Lamb  
 Robert Murray Estate  
 Doug Lamb Estate  
 Alf Graham (100th Birthday)  
 Bagot Community Club  
 North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book  
 Anonymous  
 Dorothy Birkett  
 Ron & Mary Kalberg  
 Portage la Prairie Consumers' Co-op

### 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

### PATRONS – \$10,000 +

Carl McGregor  
 James Price Estate  
 Carl McGregor Estate  
 MacGregor and District Centennial Foundation  
 Don & Isobelle Wright

### 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"

## *Legacy Clubs*

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

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.

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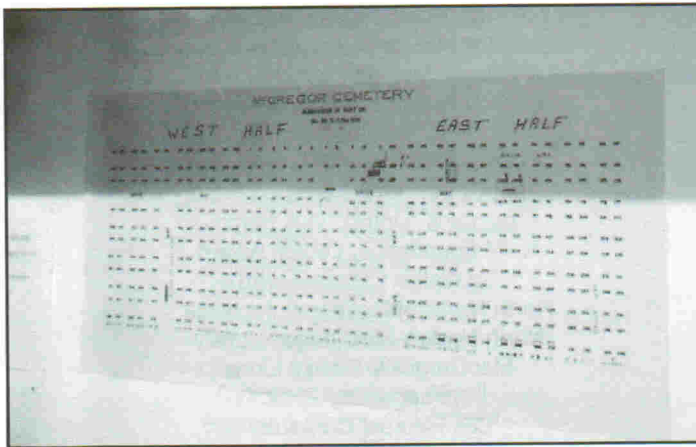
[www.manitobacommunityfoundations.ca/northnorfolk/](http://www.manitobacommunityfoundations.ca/northnorfolk/)

## ~~~~~"A Project Completed"~~~~~

The North Norfolk-MacGregor Archives completed the display case at the MacGregor Cemetery in May 2007. It has proved to be very helpful to many people looking for their loved ones' burial sites.

The lists of burial plots and accompanying map is very easy to understand.

We wish to thank the 2006 Industrial Arts Class of MacGregor Collegiate for their excellent carpentry skills in building the structure, and the Toews' boys who so capably erected it and especially wish to acknowledge the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation for their financial support - "A project completed"



## ~~~~~It's Multi-Plex Time!~~~~~

This is an exciting time for our community! The clubhouse project has grown into a multi-plex project! This multi-plex will include the clubhouse, meeting room and hall, with many options to open up or section off each area depending on the event.

The layout is being finalized, the land is being negotiated and a new push on fundraising is occurring. We are relatively close considering how far we have come, but we still need community support to reach our final goal.

To date our committee has raised over \$180,000 in cash donations, letters of intent and through fundraising projects (including \$16,000 from the Foundation!!) The Village of MacGregor has committed over \$200,000 and the RM of North Norfolk has committed \$50,000. We also had success in planting a crop with the help of Lincoln Wolfe, Jason McKelvy and numerous other people who helped seed, fertilize, spray and take the crop off. This fundraising event is expected to net our committee over \$30,000!!

We do need an additional \$150,000 to complete the fundraising of this project. We are going to continue pursuing individuals and businesses for donations. If you are interested in hearing about the project and are interested in giving a donation, please talk to anyone on the committee... we are all ready to talk about it.

We also had several events. On November 15th, we had a wine and cheese at the MacGregor Memorial Hall, where people looked at the plans and asked questions. On December 8th, we had the MacGregor Christmas Party once again. This event was very successful. Many businesses and people used it as their Christmas party.

Thanks for taking time to read more about this exciting project and we look forward to hearing from you!!



## **A \$1,000,000 Dream**

Report of the Chair, North Norfolk-MacGregor Community Foundation Inc., Presented June 13, 2007

In 1996 the NN-MCF came into being. The remainder of the legacy from MacGregor's Centennial celebrations provided the seed money. That \$15,200 was turned over by the MacGregor and District Centennial Foundation in the hope that a larger area would attract more funds. And it has done just that!

It took until 2002 before assets reached slightly more than \$200,000. Fast forward to 2007 and NN-MCF's assets are \$40,000 away from \$1,000,000! Residents and former residents have added their contributions to the pot, creating their own legacies.

People are including the Foundation in their estate planning and what a difference that has made. It's wonderful. Mr. Carl McGregor and Mr. Jim Price taught us about leaving a legacy that will last beyond a lifetime. That's what philanthropy is all about and we thank them and all of you who have given so generously.

Donors contribute to the Foundation because of their commitment to our community's future. The Board, comprised of volunteers, is motivated by the impact that the Foundation has today and will have in the future. Community organizations access grants from the Foundation to make the community served by the Foundation a better place to live. The partnership of donors, board, and community is what makes the Foundation such a vital part of the community.

In 2006, our tenth anniversary year, the NN-MCF made grants totaling more than \$25,000 - grants that impacted the work of several different charitable groups. That is powerful in our community. The pot remains intact and its earnings work for the changing needs of the community.

What can we do to reach the 1 million (\$1,000,000)? That "Each one, teach one" philosophy needs to come into play. We have to help others to understand the power of foundations. We have to let people know how important it is to be a part of a foundation by making a contribution, big or small, so that they, too, are leaving a legacy in a

community where they lived and made a living and a life. We have to encourage people to talk to their financial advisor regarding the advantages to them and to the future by remembering the foundation in their estate planning. Let's go for that million!

Manitoba has more community foundations than any other province. Giving is rooted in our prairie tradition. Giving to the foundation is a demonstration of hope for the future. Ours is just one of 39 community foundations in Manitoba that strengthens our province. The Winnipeg Foundation, Manitoba's first and largest foundation, helps rural foundations in so many ways. It partners with Manitoba Hydro to offer grants to support administration and reporting, The Scholarship and Bursary Builder Incentive Program launched by the province in 2005 is administered by the Winnipeg Foundation. NN-MCF is one of 14 community foundations taking part in the five year program. The program's intent is to build new and existing scholarship and bursary funds at community foundations. Up to \$100,000 annually is available from the province for matching. In 2005, our funds were matched by \$18,681.11 and by more than \$10,000 in 2006. In 2005 our program was the most successful in the province in matching grants. Families have seen their memorial scholarships grown under this program. It's a good one and it's still available.

Another exciting initiative in its beginning stages is the Youth in Philanthropy Program at MacGregor Collegiate. The students will learn about foundation philanthropy with a \$3500 grant provided by the Thomas Sill Foundation. The Board applauds the staff of the high school for its commitment to the program. We look forward to seeing the youth in action as they prepare to be responsible for the foundations of the future.

Foundations are an important part of community. Their job - to ensure that communities will always continue to grow and to flourish. Thank you for sharing the dream.

## **To Us, Community Counts**

What a multi-meaning word is "community." Typically the word describes a group of people living in a specific area. It can, of course, refer to "common goals" or a "community of interests" which explains a group such as Community Foundation or "Communities in Bloom" or community luncheon groups and more. Those communities provide an outlet for people to make a difference. Being a part of something bigger than you has its own rewards.

And now we see people working together to build community halls. Congratulations to those who have the vision and commitment to work to make these happen. Your communities salute you and support you. Now that's community spirit!

## Nursery School Relocation

We have moved! After 31 years at the MacGregor Memorial Hall, the MacGregor Day Nursery School has relocated to MacGregor Collegiate Institute.

Founded by Marg Jonasson and Margaret Smith in 1976, the MacGregor Nursery School, offered a program of two mornings a week to three and four year old children. With the support of the community, board members and



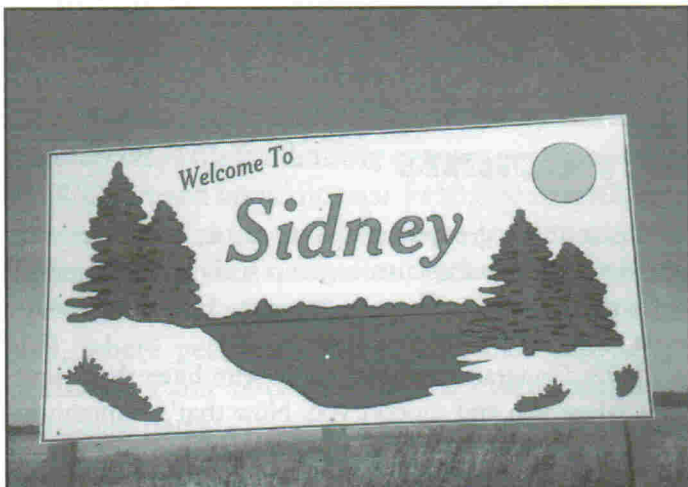
director, Edith Chant, the nursery school later offered three mornings a week for up to 20 children.

The nursery school still offers three mornings a week with enrollment for the 2007/08 school year being at 14 children for the Wednesday three year old class and the four year old classes being full at 20 children, both Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The program is run by director Melodie Wieler and assistant, Jennifer Giesbrecht. The program relies on help from many parent volunteers and a board of directors. It's with that support that the program has succeeded in the past and continues to do so.

With the vision of serving our community for years to come, an opportunity to move into the Collegiate setting arose. With time and effort, the new location has been achieved. The program has been running at its new home since September without many obstacles. The Collegiate has been very obliging and welcoming during this transition. By working in conjunction with MCI, the nursery school is optimistic that there will be a program offered for many generations.

## Sidney Welcome

Last year, Sidney residents erected "Welcome to Sidney" signs on each side of the village. The North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation was able to help with a \$500 grant towards the cost. Phase two is to add shrubs for colour and interest in a reasonably maintenance-free design. Highway signage is important to mark our place in the province.



## Promise Yourself

*To be strong that nothing can disturb your mind*

*To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet*

*To give so much time to the improvement of yourself, that you have no time to criticize others*

*To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own*

*To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future*

*To wear a cheerful countenance and give every living creature a smile*

*To think of only the best, expect only the best, and to work only for the best.*

## ***Austin Elementary School Swings!***

Last year's Austin Parent Advisory Council project was to replace swing sets that were no longer safe to use.

Fundraising was started right away with the annual fall supper, followed by a Christmas raffle, and a Valentine's Day pancake breakfast.



March was former sausage fundraiser month. APAC received donations from the North Norfolk and MacGregor Foundation, the Austin Credit Union, & the Lions. With this much accomplished, the Austin Student Council decided to purchase a 4 seater swing set and additional playground equipment.

May 2nd & 3rd were assembly and installation days with the help of the Blue Imp Supervisor and lots of volunteers, each bringing along tools and equipment required to get the job done.

This project was only possible through the dedication and hard work of each one that was involved in any way.

APAC would like to say thanks to all for making this happen for our students and community.

## ***Austin Rink Canteen Gets New Tables***

Earlier this year the Austin Skating rink was in need of some interior improvements. New seating in the canteen area was a priority. Two sets of round tables, each with eight chairs, were purchased by the Rink committee, with most of the cost covered by the \$1000 grant from the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation.

## ***Austin Hall Nearer Reality***

On September 25, over 100 people attended a public meeting regarding the status of the new Austin Hall. The committee called the meeting to explain to the community, even though the dollar mandate had been reached why construction had not started. The initial estimate in early 2005 has increased due to material and labour cost increases. The committee asked the community to give them to the spring of 2008 to secure some grant money.

Focus over the next few months is on securing government infrastructure money, providing sustainability after the structure is built, and completing the fine-tuning of features to be included.

Lobbying of provincial and federal politicians is being done with some positive responses being received already. Grant applications are being made with revised objectives.

Over the past year a sub-committee has visited a few other halls to look at ideas - what has worked, what hasn't

and little inexpensive details that could be added. Ideas brought back have been compiled and prioritized.

Sustainability ideas include a long-term core tenant, a hall manager and a wellness/fitness component. A hall manager would not only look after bookings but also secure meetings and do fundraising events with the intent of covering that person's salary and making extra money. Another idea being looked into is the interest in and feasibility of a wellness/fitness component.

As \$472,000 has been raised or pledged, the local fundraising now is the Cash Calendar and a Fish Fry in the spring with the possibility of a Quiz Night as well. The Ag Project was deemed another success this fall with dollars from 235 acres going into the Hall Building Fund.

The North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation has contributed \$15,000 to the building of this facility and will consider helping again, if needed.

## Remembering when...

Remembering when... Glen Sawatzky and the late Doug Lamb recognized the potential of a community foundation. They approached the Village of MacGregor Council about the possibility of establishing a foundation using the left-over money from MacGregor's 75th. The MacGregor Foundation was born but matching dollars for new donations were unavailable from the Thomas Sill Foundation due to our size. Darwin Crabbe and Vivian McGregor joined the team and the decision to go bigger was made. The NNMF was established. The organization's mandate - the promotion of philanthropic activity in the area.

The NNMF added the late Bob McKelvy, Arlene Jarema, Danny Rintoul and Ed Penner to its board and made its first grants in 1997.

- \$100 Leadership Awards divided between AES and MES
  - \$200 MB Agricultural Museum towards a new grandstand
  - \$200 Kidsport for local youngsters
- For a total of \$500.

Granting ability in 2008 is estimated at \$34,000 with our endowment undesignated fund sitting at \$753,395! How did that happen? By January 2, 1998, our endowments had grown to \$27,200 as Founders and Friends came on board. The endowment continued to grow as more people understood the concept and wanted to be a part of it. Memorial gifts began to happen and people remembered the foundation in their estate planning. In the last two years, grants in excess of \$30,000 have been given to worthy charitable community projects. Quite a jump!

From December 1997 to October 2007, \$129,455 has been given back to the community and the pot stays intact!

Giving back to a community, which provided us and our families with so much, feels right and that's how our endowment grows. There is a hope and an expectation that our endowment fund will see significant growth as baby boomers retire. The potential of a community foundation is unlimited. Your help is appreciated.

## The North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation 2007 Grants to October 31

Austin Hall Building Fund .....	\$5000
MacGregor Golf & Country Clubhouse Fund .....	\$5000
MacGregor & District Health Foundation (New first aid training equipment) .....	\$2000
Community in Bloom (MacGregor sign lighting) .....	\$1500
Austin Elementary School playground .....	\$1000
Austin Rink - table and chairs.....	\$1000
Student Leadership (6) .....	\$500
Cancer Care to train a Tai Chi instructor.....	\$150
MacGregor Cemetery Committee (stone straightening) .....	\$1000
Austin Elementary School (cordless microphone) .....	\$400
Austin Leisure Centre (floor curling) .....	\$4000
Heritage Park (signage for Eadie's garden) .....	\$700
MCI -"Artist in the Schools" (tiling).....	\$500
MacGregor Cemetery Designated Fund .....	\$1277
MacGregor & District Archives (for camera & scanner) .....	\$1000
MCI (money towards a special needs Mi Tobi Computer System) .....	\$2000
MES (Repair of Memorial Garden - purchase of flower pots).....	\$600

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