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# Niverville Getting New Post Office



The current post office. Note the outdoor mailboxes to the left.

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By Evan Braun

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For those who pay regular visits to the Niverville Post Office, you will have noticed that the facility is overcrowded, to put it mildly.

The town has rapidly outgrown its post office in the last decade. Eleanor Kipe, Niverville Postmaster, says there are currently 1,890 postal boxes in town, with 1,015 of those located onsite at the post office. While the installation of community mailboxes in new residential developments has helped reduce pressure, 50 boxes are unfortunately still located along the outside wall of the post office.

All that is about to change. "The space has been very tight in the Niverville Post Office for many years," says Bernie Stahn, Canada Post's Local Area Manager for Southeast Manitoba. "This is something we've been working on for probably, I'm

going to say, 8 to 10 years already. And we finally got approval for the funding and we're pretty excited about it."

The current building is being expanded by over 1,000 square feet into the parking lot to the rear of the structure.

But the post office is getting more than just much-needed space. Once the addition is complete, the interior is going to get a makeover.

"The whole project involves the addition, new lock boxes, and a complete new counter upgrade," Stahn says. "So it's not just the addition. It also involves getting a whole new post office."

While it's not yet possible to pinpoint exact start and end dates for the construction, Stahn expects work to continue very soon. "We would hope to be done the majority of our addition and subsequent renovation by year-end," says Stahn.

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# Traffic Lights Coming to Highways 59 and 311



Construction crews begin installing signal bases.

JOEY VILLANUEVA

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**By Evan Braun**

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After years of heavy traffic, close calls, and dangerous accidents at the corner of Provincial Highways 59 and 311, the province has taken notice. According to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, traffic lights are being installed this year.

"The work will be completed this fall," says a statement from MIT. "Crews are working on an unprecedented amount of construction and there have been delays due to weather. The budget for the project is \$375,000."

The signal bases are already in the ground, with construction having begun work at the intersection on September 15.

Other reports indicate that these are to be regular signals, without flashing or turning lights. It's also unclear whether rumble strips are part of the plan.

After a grisly wreck sent three people to hospital with serious injuries back in February, Niverville resident Barry Piasta organized a rally to bring attention to the problem. "All three TV stations were present," says Piasta. "They even did a live feed from Niverville."

Also present was Niverville Mayor Myron Dyck, a number of town councillors, and Provencher Liberal candidate Terry Hayward. The publicity may have done the trick.

"Anytime you have lights at an intersection, of course the purpose of them is provide

improved safety to motorists," Dyck says. "The lights should bring some order as to when people are crossing and what they're doing."

"The lights will slow down the traffic on 59," Piasta agrees. "The speed limit is 100, however the flow of traffic is generally between 110-120. So at least people coming off of 311 will not have to rush when they turn north to beat the oncoming traffic. It's hard to judge the speed there."

Melanie Trepanier knows firsthand how dangerous Highway 59 can be. Earlier this year, her daughter was involved in a collision that could easily have been fatal. Although the accident happened a few miles north of the 311 intersection, she avoids turning onto the highway from any

point.

"Anything to spread the word of how dangerous that highway is," Trepanier says. "I don't understand how with every new dwelling, home, and business being built here in the south, there are no plans to twin that highway, like was promised years ago."

According to Mayor Dyck, plans to twin the highway are in development. "We have been working on this, as the Town of Niverville, and also in conjunction with other municipalities. The village of St. Pierre is spearheading the twinning of the Highway 59 mandate."

The affected communities and municipalities are working to get the highway twinned as far as Highway 52. So far no timetables or official announcements have come to light.

IN BRIEF



**Annual Perogy Dinner Fundraiser**

The Niverville Fire Department will once again host their annual perogy dinner fundraiser this coming fall. The event will be held November 11 at the Golden Friendship Centre. Donations are gratefully accepted.

IN BRIEF

**Heaps of Success**

By Evan Braun

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The second annual Heaps of Dreeps fundraiser went off without a hitch on August 29, raising \$12,000 for The Heart and Stroke Foundation. The yearly event is organized in memory of Drew Cook, who passed away in 2013 due to a rare undiagnosed heart condition.

"The highlight of the event for me was watching all the local Niverville bands and music acts coming together to perform for such a good cause," says organizer Ashley Humphrey. "Niverville is such a supporting, caring community and it really shows when you put something like this together."

More than 300 were on hand to enjoy performances by local artists like Whiskey Talks, Brady Dyck, Jordan St. Cyr, Plain as Ghosts, Elliot Kyle, Joe Ashwell, and Evan St. Cyr.

"We wanted to do this for Drew Cook and to keep his memory alive," says Humphrey. "As well as to create awareness about heart disease and show people that life is too short, so embrace the people you love and don't take life for granted."

After this year's success, Humphrey says a third annual fundraiser is sure to be held next summer.

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# Vehicle Thefts on the Rise in Niverville

The Duvals' Dodge Ram didn't turn up for weeks, but when it did the story was unbelievable.



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In recent months, there has been an increase in vehicle break-ins and thefts in the Town of Niverville. While most of the crimes started off minor in nature—for example, the theft of vehicle contents—the situation escalated when a number of vehicles were stolen.

Kasia Duval and her young family live on Claremont Drive and were shocked to wake up on July 21 to find their 2013 Dodge Ram had been stolen from their driveway while they slept.

"Our truck had a muffler on it and our room is right over the garage in a cab-over. We would have heard it for sure," Duval explains. "We're pretty sure they must have put it in neutral and towed it away with another truck." Duval admits that the doors to the truck were unlocked that night and an extra set of keys for the vehicle had been left in the glove box along with her passports and her daughter's birth certificate. The family had been planning to visit the United States in the following days.

That morning, another stolen truck had been left on the street in front of their house. According to Duval, RCMP checked the licence plate number and discovered it had been reported stolen from Selkirk. The Duvals' Dodge Ram didn't turn up for weeks, but when it did the story was unbelievable.

On August 10, the Duvals received a phone call from the Toronto Police Service stating that they had found their vehicle outside of Scarborough, Ontario. The three people who had stolen it, two males and one female, were known to police for engaging in organized crime,



The Duval family's destroyed Dodge Ram.

✉ KASIA DUVAL

specifically breaking and entering, and were residents of Manitoba but not local. What police found in the truck was even more unsettling.

"They found 5 guns, including a loaded shotgun in the truck. And they found cocaine and crystal meth all over," Duval says.

The truck was badly damaged and the seats covered in drug residue. The Duvals have New Vehicle Protection insurance and hope Manitoba Public Insurance will reimburse them rather than attempt to repair the vehicle. Drug residue can be absorbed through the skin, which is of major concern to Duval.

While this ordeal has been a big inconvenience for her family, the situation could have escalated quickly had they awoken that night.

"Most of the time you would assume it's teenagers going for a joyride, but I wouldn't recommend intervening. These guys had weapons in the vehicle and they really had nothing to lose," Duval explains. "My husband could have tried to confront them and been shot."

Around 8:00 a.m. on July 21, Niverville's Deputy Mayor, John Funk, had just arrived to the town office for a council meeting when his 1998 Ford F-150 was stolen from the town office parking lot.

"I've never had any reason to lock up my vehicle in Niverville,

so it was something different for me. I've never had a vehicle stolen in all my life," Funk says. "It just seems so strange that they would do it in broad daylight when someone was looking on from another parking lot."

Funk's vehicle was found in Winnipeg and was written off. He has not received any additional information about the incident.

According to Niverville Mayor Myron Dyck, the Town of Niverville has quarterly meetings with the staff sergeant of the St-Pierre-Jolys RCMP to discuss any crimes that have occurred in town. Mayor Dyck reminds citizens that simple habit changes can protect their vehicles from break-ins and thefts.

"We've reminded our citizens in past newsletters to make sure they keep their vehicles locked. Don't leave your vehicles running and unattended," Mayor Dyck says.

For over 20 years, Niverville was part of the Citizens on Patrol Program (C.O.P.P.) until it was disbanded last fall. C.O.P.P.'s mission is to mobilize citizens to participate in a community-based crime prevention initiative in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies. The program has been in existence since 1991 and is currently guided by Manitoba Public Insurance and Manitoba Justice.

George Dyck was a former

member of C.O.P.P. in Niverville and was part of the program's advisory committee.

"When we did have the C.O.P.P. program, Niverville was the example community," Dyck says. "We had 50-plus volunteers, which no other community had."

According to Dyck, there were a few reasons the program ended in Niverville.

"When I was on the executive, I always encouraged groups, if the leadership was going to move on, to groom their people so someone could take over," Dyck explains. "You also need strong support from council. If not all councillors and council administration believe in the program, then it's hard to keep it going. Had the support from council been stronger, I believe it would have still been going."

Dyck believes that a program like C.O.P.P. can help reduce crimes like vehicle break-ins and thefts.

"People know when no one is watching," Dyck says. "When you become visible all the time people know 'Oh, I've got to be careful because I'm being watched.'"

If you have a crime to report in the Niverville area, please contact the St-Pierre-Jolys RCMP's non-emergency phone number at 204-433-7908.

The RCMP did not return our calls for comment.

## CITIZEN POLL

### THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

**With the recent increase in vehicle thefts in town, do you feel Niverville should have an increased RCMP presence?**

- YES** – Niverville needs more police protection.
- NO** – The current level of police protection is adequate.
- INDIFFERENT** – My life isn't affected by the police one way or another.

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## LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

**Are you pleased that Niverville is getting a splash pad?**

**YES** – My family will make great use of it next summer.

**72%**

**NO** – I think it is a waste of taxpayer money.

**10%**

**INDIFFERENT** – I won't use it, but I'm sure there will be others who will.

**18%**

## IN BRIEF



## George Dyck: Volunteer of the Year

Earlier this year, Niverville area resident George Dyck was honoured by the Winnipeg Police Service. Dyck, who has volunteered 10 years for the Victim Services program, was named Victim Services Volunteer of the Year. 9 of those years have been spent with the Ground Search & Rescue Unit. The role of Victim Services volunteers is to assist the public, helping to check on their well-being after incidents with the police.



# Becoming a Locavore



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Many Manitobans are becoming locavores, consumers of locally produced food that hasn't been moved long distances to market. There is an ever-growing interest in finding healthier, fresher food options and to have a direct connection to the grower. This trend is evidenced in the popularity of farmers markets around the Southeast as well as the rising numbers of small, family-run farms advertising everything from fresh vegetables to u-pick berries to free-run chickens and eggs.

Many of these farmers live and grow food within a few miles of our community, utilizing the fertile Manitoba soil and old-fashioned ideals of their parents and grandparents before them.

Chantal Wieler is one of these local growers. On 1.5 acres of farmland just south of Niverville, she has been seeding, nurturing, harvesting, and selling around 45 varieties

of vegetables. You can find her mobile vegetable trailer set up at Bigway every Tuesday and Friday throughout the summer months, piled high with produce picked that day as well as a variety of home-canning.

"I love working in the soil," says Wieler. "I love the look on people's faces when they can get their hands on good, fresh food. I give my crops personal care and attention to ensure that it's chemical-free. It's the way of the future, I think. People are starting to understand the detriments of chemicals in their food."

Outside of better taste and nutrition, there are other reasons to shop locally for our weekly meal ingredients. Wieler says being able to speak directly to the grower is another reason people are buying local. Building relationships with our farmers gives us the opportunity to learn about the food we eat, ask them directly about sustainable practices and chemical use, and see firsthand the conditions under which livestock are raised.

Graeme and Theresa Buys



Chantal Wieler on the farm.

CHANTAL WIELER

of Buys Home Farm live, work, and raise their young family on a farm 5 miles north-east of Niverville. The Buys family works year-round with an all-natural farming approach, raising pastured sheep, cattle, free-range chickens, turkeys, ducks, and pigs. Much of their summers are also consumed with growing market garden

vegetables, and they are hoping to diversify soon into edible grains and fruit.

"The key takeaway that I would like people to understand about our farm is that it isn't just about the food," Buys explains. "The food is a key, fundamental part of it, but it is more than that. The farm has been designed around a sus-

tainable system of completely natural farming that doesn't use any synthetic fertilizer, chemical sprays, or most medications. The soil health is maintained through century-old methods of farming that will hopefully leave the land healthy for generations to come. Everything we grow goes directly to the family that will be eating it and, as such, we feel somewhat connected to the lives of the people we grow for. The farm is intended to be an active part of the community, not just a physical address in the phone book."

Relatively new on the local scene is another small start-up farm with big dreams. Pure Country Organics, located halfway between Niverville and Landmark, is eleven acres of newly planted orchard, soon to provide fruit and nut lovers with local and imported varieties of organic apples, Asian pears, sour cherries, apricots, plums, blueberries, heart nuts, and more. They are currently testing varieties of seedless grapes and kiwi in a small vineyard. It's one of the first of its kind in Manitoba.

"We have about 60% planted so far," says Collin De Ruyck, grower and proprietor of the orchard. "In total, we will finish up with around 300 fruit trees, 1000 berry plants, and 200 to 300 nut trees."

Economically speaking, buying local creates jobs and keeps our spending dollars working right here at home. What's good for the economy is good for all of us. "Cheap isn't sustainable," reads a tagline from Crampton's Market on Waverly Street in Winnipeg. "A deal, bargain, or sale means someone loses. Usually it's the farmer."

Green Right Now, a sustainable living website, makes some relevant points about buying local. They state that farmers are a vanishing breed. By buying directly from the farmer, we can recreate the time-honoured connection between consumers and growers. Supporting local farmers helps to ensure that farms thrive, allowing our children and grandchildren to access healthy and abundant food.

So, who is your farmer?



New sidewalks in use.

SYLVIA ST. CYR

## New Sidewalks on Main Street

By Sylvia St.Cyr

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This summer marks the beginning of an overhaul to Niverville's Main Street sidewalks. You may have noticed the new section already complete on the south side of Main, stretching from Fifth Ave. to Fourth Ave.

This is all that's scheduled to be complete for 2015,

but all the sidewalks on Main Street are to be redone in the next five years, as the town's budget allows.

When asked why the town decided to pursue this particular renovation, Mayor Myron Dyck explained that the reason is threefold.

First, it will provide better safety, as the brick in some of the older sidewalks are becoming loose. Second, the

new sidewalk will be wider, providing better pedestrian mobility. Third, in following suit with Steinbach, the town is looking to add electrical drops, built-in plugs in the sidewalks. This will help immensely with our annual fair, as well as with beautification around the holiday season, powering the Christmas lights.

"The work was done this year by our own town's

Public Works department," says Dyck. "Provided we have the manpower and time, the work will continue to stay with our own staff. Otherwise, it will be hired out."

Businesses on Main Street will be notified before construction takes place in front of their shops when the next phase begins.

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**117 Therrien Street, Lorette, MB R0A 0Y0**  
**1949 Sq. Ft.**  
**\$429,900**

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**45165 PR210 Road, La Broqueri, MB R0A 0W0**  
**2644 Sq. Ft.**  
**\$618,500**

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# Fire Department Talks Safety

By **Evan Braun**

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October 4-10 is Fire Prevention Week, and the Niverville Fire Department is once again getting the word out about fire safety.

Fire Chief Keith Bueckert says that the department will be paying visits to the elementary school throughout the week, speaking to the Kindergarten through Grade 4 classes. They'll be making presentations and handing out literature for the kids to take home. The kids who take that literature home, talk about fire safety with their parents, and get their parents to sign the forms will be entered into a draw for a new Nintendo DS. The class with

the most returned forms will be treated to a free pizza lunch.

Among the activities parents are asked to do is rehearse the family's fire escape plan, check the batteries in all smoke detectors, and make sure there are two ways out of each sleeping area in the house. Bueckert also reminds us that we should check and change the batteries in our smoke detectors at the same time each year that we change our clocks for Daylight Savings Time.

This year, the focus of Fire Prevention Week is on educating people about the importance of installing smoke detectors in all sleeping areas, which is already a mandate for new constructions. There should be at least

one smoke detector per floor, as well as a heat detector in the garage.

Bueckert says there are frequently new innovations in fire prevention technology. One such innovation is voice-recorded fire alarms. In addition to broadcasting a siren, parents can program these alarms to play back their own voice recordings. For example, "Johnny, this is your mom! There's a fire! Get out of the house!" The idea is that children may be more likely to respond to familiar voices than just the siren by itself.

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# One of Our Finest Community Builders

## Alex Fast: August 15, 1922–April 4, 2015

By Clarence Braun

In the spring of this year, we lost one of our finest community builders. Alex Fast, with the support of his wife Emily and family, expended countless hours of volunteer service, and in the process helped to change the face of Niverville.

In education, he taught school for many years and then served as chairperson of the Niverville School District. With the consolidation of schools, he ran as a school trustee and served on the Hanover School Division for many years.

In business, he assumed ownership of Wm. Dyck and Sons and was responsible for the construction of the main store that presently occupies the corner of Main Street and 5th Avenue. It is safe to assume that he was the community's largest employer for many years. Alex was also the first significant developer in Niverville. He was responsible for the development of all the residential lands north of Spruce Street and also saw the first major development of commercial properties when he developed the lands south of Cedar Drive.

Alex had a love of recreation and sport and worked tirelessly as a member of the original Niverville Recreation Commission. He played a significant role in the building of the Niverville Centennial Arena in

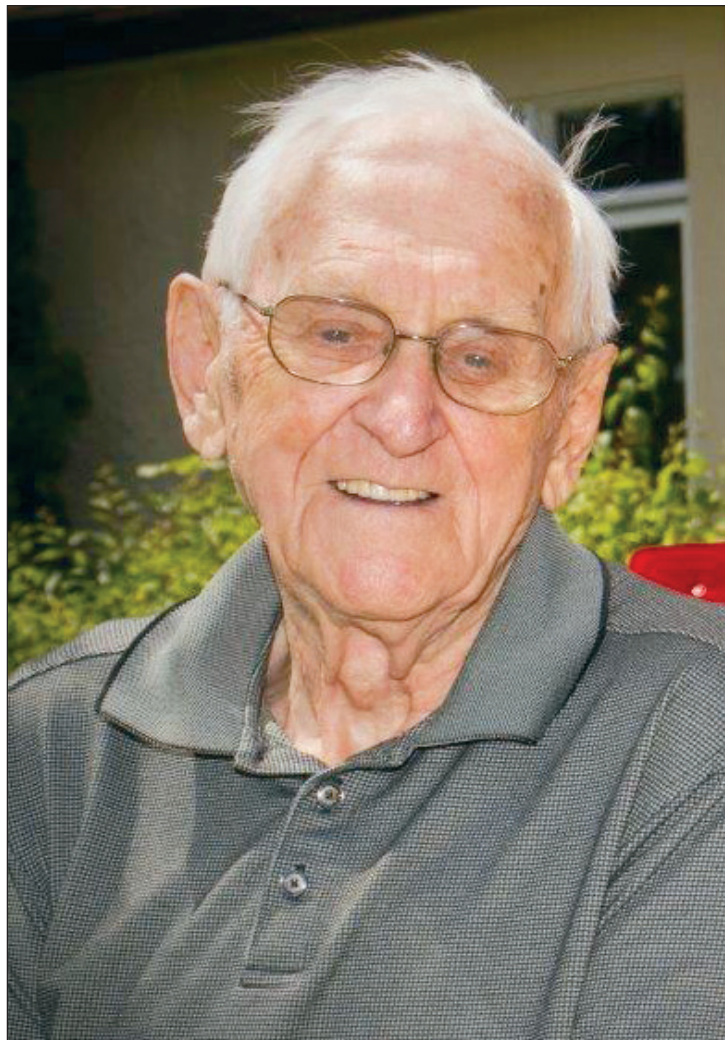
1967. His financial investments to other community endeavours were known to only a few.

In politics, he was involved at both the provincial and national level for many years. He also served a term as an elected councillor in the Town of Niverville.

He was a person of deep faith and for many years was involved in what is now known as Fourth Avenue Bible Church. As a lay minister, he taught Sunday School and would occasionally take the lead in sharing the Sunday morning service. His love for the Gideons extended through the better part of his life. Alex often acknowledged that his relationship with God was the essence of his life.

The relationship he had to family is better documented in the obituary which was posted after his passing. However, to the community his legacy lives on. In so many spheres of influence, I see his contribution today.

John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." Alex Fast was that kind of man. He loved his community and we are the benefactors of that care. May the memory of his life never leave us, and may each of us determine to leave this world having given more than we have taken.



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# New Sports Multiplex and Arena Unveiled



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On September 16, the Friends of the Plex, a committee of volunteers organized earlier this year to work alongside the Town of Niverville toward the development of new sports and recreation facilities, unveiled detailed plans for a year round indoor sports multiplex and new arena. The announcement took place at Hespeler Park and coincided with the sod-turning for Niverville's new splash pad.

On hand for the sod-turning was Morris MLA Shannon Martin, Provencher MP Ted Falk, Mayor Myron Dyck, and Friends of the Plex spokespersons Kerry Church and Clarence Braun.

These multiplex and new arena facilities are to be constructed alongside the existing Niverville Centennial Arena.

The 33,000-square-foot arena sits at the center of the proposed plan, with an ice surface measuring 85 by 200 feet and accompanying dressing rooms equipped with washrooms and showers.

The adjacent multiplex will contain 36,000 square feet of floor space and feature a running track as well as space that can be easily converted into a 15,000-square-foot indoor soccer field, two basketball courts, four volleyball courts, and six badminton courts. Netting and curtains can be erected between sports activities. In addition to warm-up and training areas, the multiplex plan also calls for six dressing rooms.

A mezzanine level will provide casual seating for 250 spectators on the multiplex side, and 600 spectators on the arena side. The common area fronting the property will include an extensive multi-level children's playground feature.

"The side-by-side plan is the more cost-effective solution," says Kerry Church, spokesper-



Shannon Martin, Kerry Church, Myron Dyck, Clarence Braun, and Ted Falk at the splash pad sod-turning.

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son for Friends of the Plex. He says a number of other potential site plans were considered. "This ties well into construction phasing."

The focal point of the building's exterior is undoubtedly the re-creation of Niverville's original grain elevator, which serves as the main entrance. This heritage feature harkens back to 1879, when William Hespeler put Niverville on the map by constructing Western Canada's very first grain elevator. The round structure was a one of a kind.

"We have a very creative committee," says Church. "We thought, 'What are the things we can do to generate a broad range of support? What is the symbol that is Niverville?' The grain elevator, historically, is something that is part of our roots."

The site plan calls for an expansion of the parking lot as well as a new access road. Property to the north has been set aside for future recreation needs, including an outdoor rink. The current dog park onsite will also be preserved.

In addition, the site plan

earmarks the vacant land to the west of the multiplex for a proposed performing arts facility, the details of which will only be fleshed out upon completion of the first two phases of the project.

The existing arena will remain operational throughout the construction process, with a link provided between it and the new common area. This link will allow for the continued use of existing office and meeting areas, maintenance areas, and dressing rooms.

In short, these new facilities are spacious, flexible, and ambitious. And of course, they

won't come cheap.

The price tag for the multiplex and new arena is a cool \$16 million, excluding future plans to refurbish the old arena. According to Kerry Church, no shovel will hit the ground until all the money is banked for whatever phase is scheduled to begin first. So far, only preliminary discussions have been held.

The Town of Niverville has pledged the first \$5 million, seed money to get the ball rolling on fundraising efforts.

"The Town is pleased to be donating toward such a terrific project that truly

meets the needs of our community," says Mayor Myron Dyck. "The donation will be drawn from the existing Recreation Infrastructure Reserve Fund, which Council has been building for a few years, and from new monies that will need to be borrowed to top up the difference."

Town Council will bring forward a borrowing motion to cover this difference in the near future. Residents will be given the opportunity to take part, since this is intended to be a public consultation process. No new taxes are planned.

Friends of the Plex are now

beginning their fundraising efforts in earnest, reaching out to members of the community and other levels of government to turn this master plan into reality. Accounting for the town's contribution, \$11 million needs to be raised before construction can begin.

The Friends of the Plex committee started meeting in February, consulting with focus groups comprised of people involved in local sports and recreation. The committee also visited a large number of similar facilities throughout Western Canada, including as far as Alberta, to get a sense of what has worked in other communities.

"There are lots of good new facilities in towns of our size," says Church. "Beausejour is a great example."

Another good example, according to Church, is the new Seven Oaks Arena in Winnipeg, which opened this past spring. Although serving a larger population, it provided a lot of inspiration for Friends of the Plex.

"We're going to have to be aggressive with fundraising," Church adds. While he admits it's not likely construction will be underway by the spring, it is important to move as quickly as possible in order for the project to maintain strong momentum.

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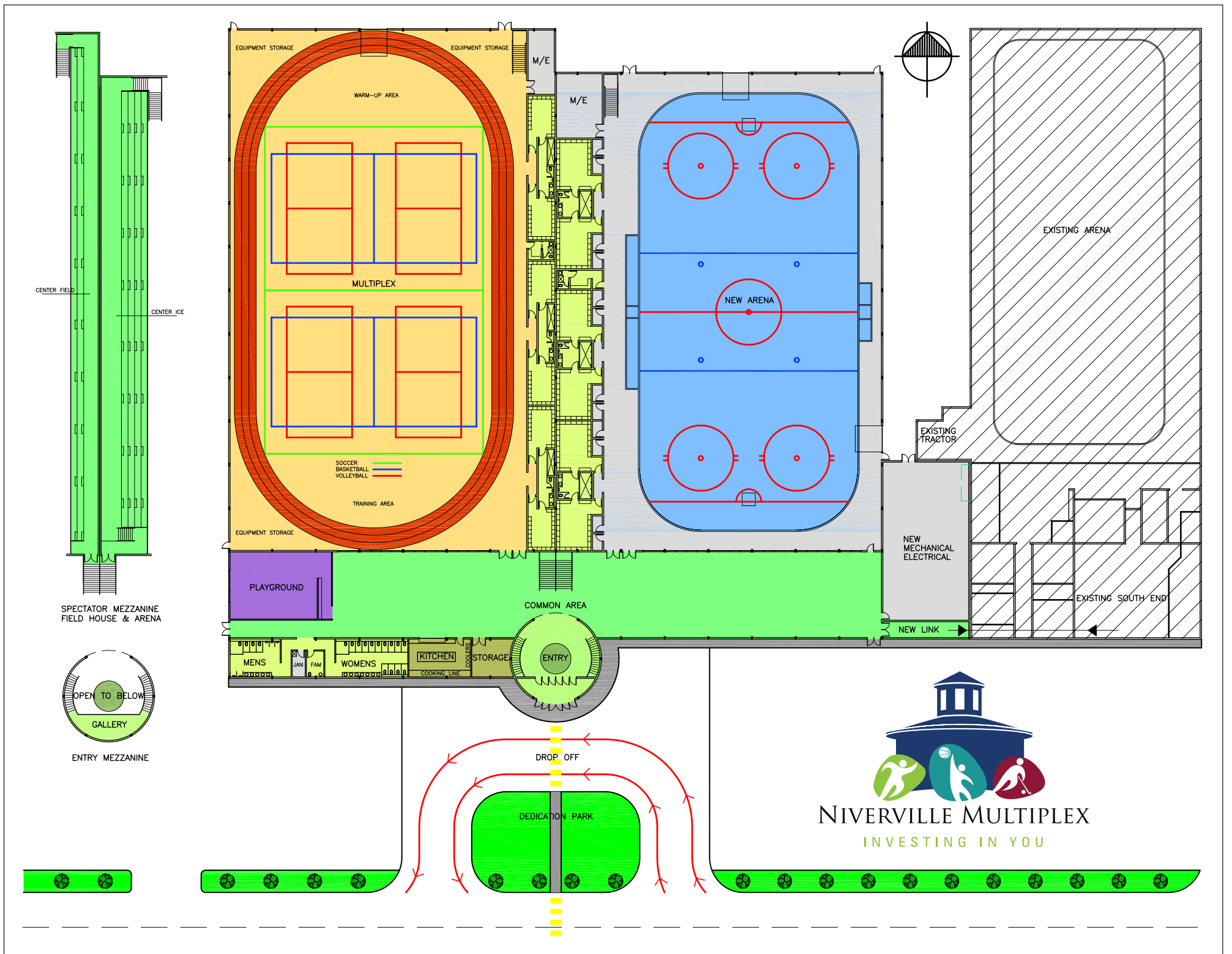
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Niverville multiplex and new arena conceptual floor plan.

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# Sparky Moves On

**By Brenda Sawatzky**

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“What do you want to be when you grow up?” Most little boys would answer that question with a starry-eyed look—an astronaut, a firefighter, a rock star. For Allan Sawatzky, the answer was clear from a very young age. He wanted to be an auto mechanic, and he wanted to own his own shop.

Through his teen and adult years he never wavered from that dream, excelling in his high school auto mechanics trade class and pursuing training wherever training could be had. He worked hard at his passion, achieving his goal of driveability and diagnostics technician in his early adulthood.

It was clear to me, from the time we were married, that we would one day be self-employed. In our early thirties we finally put shovel to dirt and built the foundation of what would become Sparkline Autoworks.

It wasn't hard choosing a location for our new business. Both of us had grown up within a 10 mile radius of Niverville and had connections to the town which made it an endearing option. Though an almost-too-good-to-be-true proposition had come our way for an existing repair shop in St. Anne,



Allan and Brenda Sawatzky on the job.

✉ BRENDA SAWATZKY

Niverville somehow felt right.

On October 13, 1992, we opened the door to our first customers, and for the next 23 years we would be busy servicing vehicles from the township and surrounding area. Having worked in the bigger, corporate automotive circuit, and being witness at times to the ways customers are deceived, we established from the start the business ethic under which Sparkline was to operate. Honesty and integrity would be our first and foremost princi-

ples. Developing solid customer relationships and being a valuable contributor to the community would come a close second. Within 2 years we moved our young family to Niverville and made it our home. Allan would soon become “Sparky” to many, and to a number of our customers, “The Magician.”

Running an automotive repair shop, we found, was far from easy. During the course of our 23 years, cars changed dramatically. Our mechanics' skill and training levels

needed to be upgraded from mostly mechanical to requiring knowledge in hydraulics, electrical, computerization, and aerodynamics, to name a few. We had an ongoing need to equip the shop with more current tools, equipment, training, and repair data to stay abreast of these changes. They came at exorbitant costs.

Our growing community was loyal and supportive through it all. Living and working in this town afforded us opportunities to build life-long friendships with the fabulous residents of this community, many of whom we might not have met had it not been for the business that kept them coming back.

On July 14, 2015, Allan and I sold our dream business. The response from long-time and newer customers has been heartwarming and overwhelming. Conversely, we will dearly miss seeing our customers on a daily basis, shaking hands, chatting in the office or parking lot, and building relationships. But a change is as good as a rest. We will still meet you on the street, in the grocery aisle, in the restaurants, and at the many events that make our community vibrant. It's the people that make this community what it is, and we have been rewarded through our connection to so many of you.

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Regardless of who you vote for, please take the opportunity to do so on October 19. Niverville's polling place is at the Niverville Heritage Centre,


and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you are still undecided, you're not alone. Polls indicate that approximately 25 percent of Canadians haven't made up their minds yet. If you're having trouble deciding which of Canada's federal parties best represents your values, try the powerful online tools below to help you come to an informed decision.

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# Commentary

## Let Thanksgiving Become Thanksliving!

By Roger Armbruster

Thanksgiving is not all about turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. The name of the holiday conveys what the day is supposed to be about. It has been observed that the word “thank” comes from the root word “think.” The term implies that if we would be more thoughtful, we would be more thankful. G. K. Chesterton went so far as to say that “giving thanks is the highest form of thought.”

Living beyond our stress threshold, and the anxiety that results from stress, is a big problem in Canadian society today. The simple solution to stress is to have an attitude of gratitude.

Life is really 90% about attitude and only 10% about the facts as we perceive them. Our attitude is a choice, and choosing our responses to our environment is the one freedom no other person can take from us. When we give thanks in all things, we see hardships and adversities in the context that all things have a meaning and purpose, and will result in a greater good in the future if we persevere.

An attitude of gratitude is important not just for our future wellbeing, but even in our present circumstances. Research has shown that people who regularly practice being thankful have an advantage when it comes to their mental, emotional, and physical health. They are more likely to have improved mental alertness, cope with stress and daily challenges, feel happier and more optimistic, have stronger immu-



ne systems, and maintain a brighter view of the future.

How can we apply this to our daily lives?

Focus your attention outward. When you focus inward, you think only of yourself. When you focus outward, you begin to realize how blessed you are in comparison to most other people in the world today.

Be mindful of what you have. You may assume that those with more material possessions have more to be grateful for. Research shows that people are happier if they are grateful for the positive things in their life rather than worrying about what they might be missing.

Reframe situations to make room for miracles. Mentally flip the switch to see things differently. The new science of epigenetics teaches that it is not biological determinism but our perceptions and experiences that remodel our genes. This means that we cannot blame anyone

else, nor are we victims of the environment.

As we go to the polling stations on October 19, let's reflect on Thanksgiving Day, a week earlier on October 12. As important as this election is, the most influential people in Canada aren't necessarily those who pass laws, but those who can connect with people's hearts and impact the way they think and believe.

What enabled our founding fathers to unite and become a federation of diverse spheres of influence that still had racial, political, and denominational differences? They were somehow able to let go of narrower allegiances and be united by their love for something that transcended prideful individualism. It was said of them, “Providence being their Guide, they builded better than they knew!”

Parliament declared November 6, 1879, a day of Thanksgiving, and it was celebrated as a national rather

than religious holiday.

In studying the history of nations, Arnold Toynbee observed that it is inevitable that history goes in cycles, and that nations begin to wane when self-interest prevails over communal interest and allegiance to a common Source of blessing. He stated, “I believe that nations rise and fall, depending on their relationship to the glory of God.” He was referring to God's love for all people, including the widows, orphans, foreigners, marginalized, and those who sit in places of authority. Each has been endowed with dignity, value, and worth by virtue of their personhood.

For this we give thanks to a personal Father who is caring, and who wants to reflect His transcendent love through His children who bear His image upon the earth, thus building a sense of family, community, and togetherness, even though we are each special and unique.

## They Better Learn to Work Together

By Greg Fehr

Unpredictable and unprecedented. As we the taxpayers prepare to spend a mere \$375 million on the longest campaign in over 75 years, what type of value do we get for our money? Yes, our money, because in a time when governments are struggling to find the funds to fill the ever-increasing number of requests, this small sum of \$10 per person could go a long way.

It could be argued that we are actually getting great value, considering that for the first time in modern Canada we could see any one of the big three parties forming government. For those worried about the Americanization of our political system to a two-party system, this may be welcome. Will we move to a European model of multi-parties and coalitions? While a two-party system may be easier from a label standpoint (choose the left or the right), the multi-party systems of our European brothers appear to distribute the power, directly or by influence, more broadly. In many of the multi-party governments of Europe, we see better balance in policy and decision rather than the pendulum swings that plague two-party systems.

Perhaps the only likelihood that can be safely forecast at this point is that we are in minority government territory. For the vast majority of Canadians who are not a member of a political party (over 98 percent), there is comfort in this. If only our elected officials can forget the “game” of the election and get to work on achieving solutions to the problems facing us—not just the economic challenges, but the social ones as well. Minority governments have historically faced the challenge of paralysis in process, but this can be changed if we the voters have the courage to send this message.

And the message appears to

be written and ready to send. The polls show a close three-way race, indicating that we're just not sure who we want in charge of our policy and purse strings. We appear to be ready to show that either all parties have our confidence—or that none of them do. Enough balance in a three-party system may send the message that, strategically, they better learn to work together in our collective best interest because we will tolerate nothing else and continue to send them into the proverbial sandbox of minority governments until they learn to play nice.

Because the reality is that elections are strategic. Don't fool yourself into thinking that the platforms and promises are based in philosophy alone. When voter turnout is hovering in the 60 percent neighbourhood, the strategy behind getting the vote out and appealing to a minority of the population is all part of the game: solidify the base and widen policy where required to attract the undecided. Conservatives talking deficits, New Democrats preaching austerity, and Liberals asking “Why can't we all just get along?” The purist political geeks likely feel like they're in *Alice in Wonderland* as the lines of traditional party philosophy get blurred.

A wonderful system this is, our social democracy. It truly is in the hands of the people to determine the outcome, which is never wrong, as it is the voice of the people. It is created by, maintained by, and policed by the people. So if we don't like what we see and hear, don't blame the public servants. They are simply responding to the evolution of our system. If we think the games and strategy are to blame, we must go talk to the 4 out of 10 of our neighbours who don't bother to get involved with a simple ballot. And if we're still concerned after we tackle that angle, we should take a good long look in the mirror.

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# Sports & Recreation

## Putting Soul into the Prairies

By Lindsay Unrau

Niverville's Elite Dance Academy has undergone an exciting transformation over the summer months. New and returning dancers are pirouetting, flapping, and jazz-walking their way into a new 4,000-square-foot dance school. In addition to the change in venue, owners and artistic directors Danielle Auld and Melanie Ducharme, have renamed their school the PrairieSoul Dance Company. They are proud to be a family owned and operated business, grounded by their prairie roots.

The sisters became entrepreneurs 13 years ago, at the ages of 17 and 19, but they've come a long way. They started out with just 22 students, but their numbers have grown to an impressive 200.

"There was a need to be in one location where all the kids could dance together without having to go across the parking lot," says Melanie Ducharme. The new dance school is a single, unattached building located towards the back of the same parking lot.

The new building allows for further program development. Within these walls, dancers are treated to three large studio spaces, all featuring professional sprung flooring, which absorbs shock and



Melanie Ducharme and Danielle Auld, owners and artistic directors of Prairie Soul Dance Company.

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helps reduce injury. Parents can also observe dance classes through windows while relaxing in the spacious waiting room between studios.

The new design allows more students to participate, so much so that six new dance instructors have been hired. Ballet, contemporary,

jazz, tap, hip hop, and Broadway will continue to be offered. New classes include Creative Worship and Musical Theater.

The already popular Creative Worship class teaches the arts of using basic ballet techniques, movement, vocabulary, and props (such as streamers, flags,

and billows) to express one's personal relationship with God. Musical Theater is an interactive class exploring musicals and performing arts through acting, characterization, vocal technique, and vocal performance while dancing with occasional live music accompaniment.

Those interested in performing in front of an audience beyond the year-end recital, hosted at the Pantages Playhouse Theater in Winnipeg, can become involved in the competitive program. All students are invited to participate, regardless of dance level and experience. A new Petite stream is being added for younger students, ages 6 and older.

Besides the opportunity to become better acquainted with the stage, students may also travel out of province to compete. Last year, students took part in a festival hosted in Sherwood Park, Alberta. You can also catch an upcoming performance at the Imagine Run on September 26.

While classes began on September 14, registrations are still being accepted.

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## Panthers Soccer Squad Aims for Provincials

By Gerald Negrave

The high school soccer season began with practices in the hot and sultry days of late August. Over 30 girls from Grades 9 to

12 tried out for this year's team, showing great interest.

High school soccer is a short and exciting season. In just over 6 weeks, the team is chosen, exhibition and league games played, and

zone playoffs competed over.

The team looks very strong this year, though somewhat inexperienced. Only 4 girls are back from Grades 11 to 12, so the bulk of play will be held by a very

athletic and talented Grades 9 to 10 squad.

The girls enter playoffs on October 7-8 and will be playing for a chance to show their stuff at Provincials on October 16-17.

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Saturday, October 24  
South End of Arena, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

#### Halloween Public Skating & Activities

Saturday, October 31, 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Dress up in your Halloween costume (no capes or long dresses)  
Helmets are required. Public Skating: 11:00 a.m.–12:15  
Crafts and activities after skating.

#### CrossFit: Kettlebell Class

Starts Fridays, 6:00 p.m.  
CrossFit Niverville, 9 Heritage Trail. info@crossfitniverville.com

#### CrossFit: Ladies-Only BootFit

Starts Mondays, 8:00 p.m.  
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#### CrossFit: ShopGym Barbell

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Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays  
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#### Drop in on a fitness program - \$15

Bootcamp: Mondays/Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.,  
South End of Arena

Zumba: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.,  
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Yoga: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.–9:15 p.m.,  
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# The Chamber Corner

The chamber's annual golf tournament, September 1 at Quarry Oaks, was a great hit. This year's tournament was the biggest ever with 21 teams of members and guests. The tournament helps members get to know one another while raising funds to support the work of the chamber. A big thank you to all our sponsors.

## Golf tournament a great success!



Winners of the first flight: Jason Thompson, Brio Insurance; Ryan Dyck; Rene Abgrall, Rene Abgrall, Recruiting; Marty Kania.



Second in the first flight: Jon Sawatzky and Kevin Burton, Golden West Radio; Ray Dowse and Ferd Klassen, Niverville Autobody.



Third in the first flight: Trotco Electric team: Bryan Trottier, Ross Giesbriecht, Keith Hooper, and Scott Wallace.

## Wine & cheese mixer

Business owners mark Thursday, **October 15 from 5-7 p.m.** on your calendar for the chamber's wine and cheese mixer at Bronstone Event and Banquet Centre. Members no charge. Non-members \$15.

## Volunteer of the month

Mayor Myron Dyck on behalf of Town Council and Jenifer Bardarson on behalf of the Niverville Chamber of Commerce were pleased to award the Volunteer Appreciation Award for the month of September 2015 to Carolyn Turcotte. Carolyn volunteers for Manitoba Angel Dresses, an organization that distributes infant gowns to bereaved parents of newborns. The infant gowns are sewn from donated wedding and formal gowns. Thanks to Carolyn for helping make our community a better place to live.



## Watch for new welcome sign

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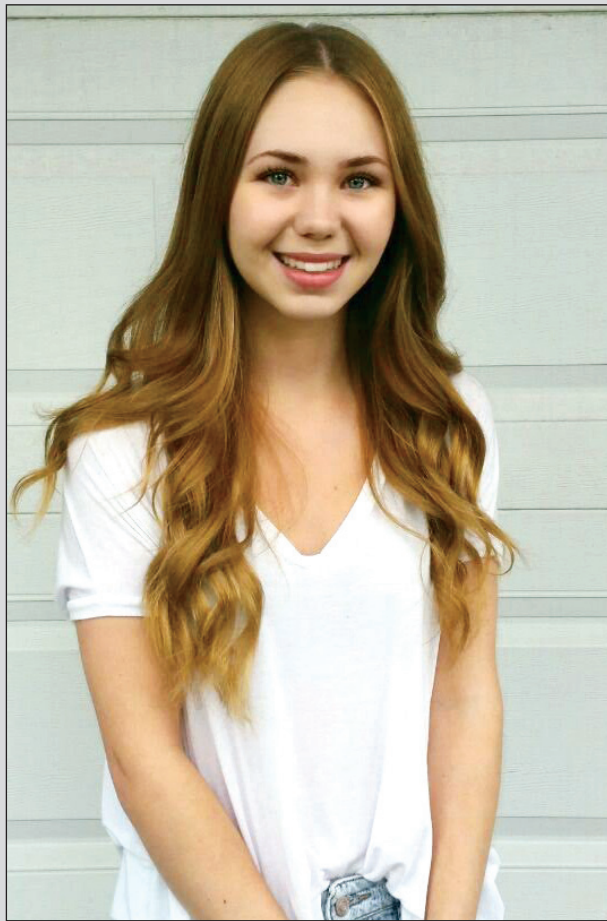


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 PROFILE


## Rebecka Lemire: Athlete of the Month

Rebecka is a student at Niverville Collegiate and a full-time competitive dance student at Prairie Soul Dance Company. Rebecka takes 10 classes a week in classical ballet, modern ballet, pointe, contemporary, jazz, and conditioning. Rebecka also teaches ballet and jazz in the studio's recreational program.

This past dance season, Rebecka attended South-eastern Manitoba Festival (Steinbach, MB), Gravity Dance Challenge (Sherwood Park, AB), Canadian National Dance Championships (Winnipeg, MB), Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival (Winnipeg, MB), and Fresh Dance Intensive (Calgary, AB), receiving gold honours, high gold, and a summer scholarship for her artistic achievements. Outside of dance, Rebecka enjoys art, running, and her cats.



Golfers about to tee off at the 13th annual Niverville Masters Tournament.

JOEL MARTENS

# Masters Tourney Makes Big Donation

By Evan Braun

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Since 2003, Ray Dowse has spearheaded the annual Niverville Masters golf tournament. It started with 20 players, but over the years the event has grown significantly. There are now 42 players and a waiting list.

"We started the tournament out as a fun thing for a bunch of friends to have a competitive round of golf," says Dowse. "We then added in a fundraiser component to raise money for local charities and needs along with the fun game."

The tournament has previously raised funds for organizations like Helping Hands and the Niverville District Growing Project. A new recipient is chosen every year.

This year, the group raised funds for Niverville residents Kate and Garrett Hawgood, whose daughter Keiralyne was born with a rare genetic disorder



Stanley Hiebert, Ryan Dyck, Ray Dowse, and Joel Martens present the donation to the Hawgood Family.

STEVE FAST

called CDKL5. Among her many symptoms are powerful seizures and neurological impairment. When Keiralyne was first diagnosed, she was one of only five diagnosed cases in Canada, though the numbers are on the rise. As if that stress wasn't enough, her older sister Kennedy was then diagnosed with lymphoma cancer.

The Masters tournament raised their highest amount ever this year, donating \$5,735 towards the Hawgoods' efforts to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van to transport Keiralyne and her medical equipment.

"Ever since we started the Masters 13 years ago, we wanted the opportunity to help out organizations and causes

in our hometown," says Joel Martens, one of the tournament's planners. "When the chance arose to help the Hawgood family, who literally live on my cul-de-sac, we jumped at the chance."

According to Dowse, the tournament has managed to raise over \$22,000 in donations over its 13-year history.

This year's event took place at the Grand Pines Golf Club, between Grand Beach and Victoria Beach along Highway 59. The nearby South Beach Resort and Casino hosted the players and their guests, and it turned out to be an ideal venue.

In Sunday's beautiful but windy final, the green jacket went to Ryan Dyck, who shot an impressive 84. Mike Loeppky and Travis Mason came close with scores of 85. Stanford Hiebert also had a strong round. When applying handicaps, he took the Low Net honour, earning a gold jacket for his efforts.



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# Upgrades Coming to Curling Club

By Evan Braun

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This fall, the Town of Niverville has set aside funds to give the Niverville Curling Club some much-needed renovations to its aging facility.

"They are doing two things," says NCC President Joel Martens. "Upstairs they're renovating the bathroom. We got a \$10,000 grant to redo the bathrooms. And in the basement, we are going to be putting in a new floor, along with updating the canteen area and putting in new cabinets."

The curling club hosts more than just curling. The facility is rented all year round for a variety of functions. "When we did our first reno seven years ago, it was really dungy," Martens says. "One summer, we wanted to spruce things up. After that, yoga and bootcamps have been held there. It gets rented out to family gatherings and parties. During the day, the upstairs sometimes gets first-aid courses. There has been drivers ed training, too."

Ryan Dyck, the town's Ma-



The basement of the Curling Club will see some much-needed improvements before this season kicks off.

📷 DUSTIN KRAHN

nager of Works and Operations, says that demolition will likely already have taken place by the time this paper comes out. He hopes to complete the work at the beginning of October.

While the curling club itself is footing the bill for new cabinets and countertops in the basement, the town is springing for a tiled athletic floor that will be more conducive to yoga and other similar activities.

The curling season begins January 6, running 3 nights per week. There is room in the schedule for 18 teams, with 4 members per team. New teams generally have to join the waiting list.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- [www.nivervillecurlingclub.com](http://www.nivervillecurlingclub.com)
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**IN BRIEF**

## Free Public Skating

New this year at the Niverville Arena is free public skating and Sticks & Pucks. Public skating is proudly sponsored by Maple Leaf, Chicken Chef, Southern Comfort Mechanical, Von Ast Construction, Artel Farms, and The Great GORP Project.

Skating takes place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The first day of the skating season is Friday, October 16. For details, see this month's recreation calendar on page 16.

Skating hours will be scheduled earlier on school in-service days, so on October 23, November 2, and November 13, skating will open at 2:00 p.m. On Halloween, skaters will have the opportunity to wear their costumes, followed by crafts and activities in the South End of the arena.

If you'd like to get the public skating schedule on your smartphone, download the "Sports NGIN" app. You'll be prompted to enter your team ID, which is 1038172.

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IN BRIEF



## Richert Takes Jets for a Ride

Local race car driver David Richert took two Winnipeg Jets and an Olympic gold medalist for the ride of their lives on September 10 at the Gimli Motorsports Park. Jets center Mark Scheifele, goalie Michael Hutchinson, and freestyle skier Dara Howell hit speeds upward of 170 kilometres per hour.

"I had a lot of trust in him," says Scheifele. "It was crazy, though. I was just hoping I wouldn't throw up. That was my main focus."

The event was organized by KidSport Winnipeg, an organization that helps remove financial barriers preventing children from playing organized sports.

# I Joined a Bootcamp



Last month I wrote about my journey of walking more, getting up to 10,000 steps per day. I'm still reaching my 10,000 steps, and usually going out for walks at 10:00 at night. But I wanted to try something new, something way out of my comfort zone, an activity I never thought I would try. In fact, I've told myself countless times that I would never, ever try it.

Well, I joined a bootcamp, here in Niverville.

The bootcamp covered a lot of different exercises and included lots of cardio, sort of like what I tried to do at home in my basement but a hundred times harder with the instructor encouraging me to push myself to the limit.

The first day, I was excited, nervous, thrilled, anxious, fired up, overwhelmed, and energized with emotions. I should mention that bootcamp took place twice a week in the evenings for a 5-week session, and there were roughly 12 participants. Some were newbies like me and others had been doing this bootcamp for years.

Each class was totally different. We never did the same workout routine twice. I was honestly expecting to do the same thing for all 5 weeks, but what was coming next always remained a mystery. It kept me on my toes during class, barely able to brush my teeth the next morning from doing 200 push-ups.

The last class was different from the rest. We didn't work out as a group as we normally did. It was an individual class and everyone timed their own workout session. It consisted of 5 rounds, with 12 different exercises ranging from

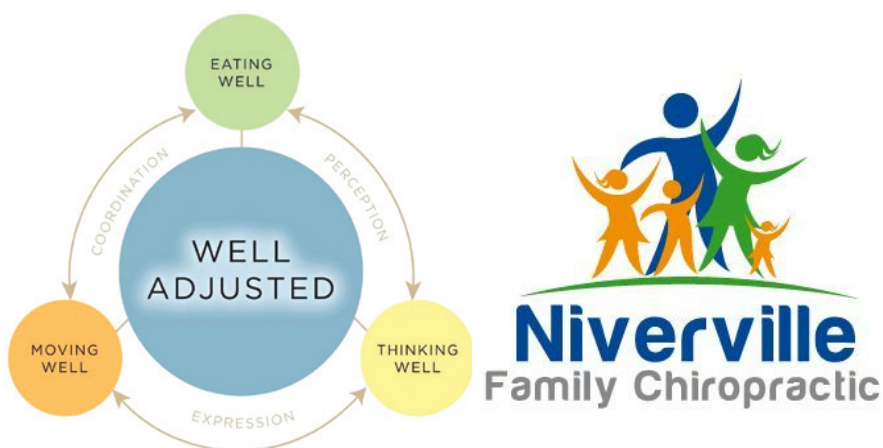


doing 30 jumping jacks to 10 push-ups to 1-minute wall sits. It took me 6 minutes to complete the exercises, and then I had to do it all over again, and again and again and again. Each round my time got longer. When I reached the fifth and last round, the instructor watched me almost the whole time, encouraging me, pushing me... and what

do you know, I did that round in 5 minutes and 36 seconds!

I felt great after each class, and I'll be joining bootcamp again.

I encourage you to try an activity outside your comfort zone. You never know, you might really enjoy it! Come join me at bootcamp, or Zumba, or yoga, or cardio kickboxing.



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## Council Nuggets

The summer of 2015 is history. The Town has been busy working on capital projects and general maintenance. While the weather not always cooperated – good progress has been made on several fronts including road and sidewalk upgrades. Please enjoy! Town was also successful in obtaining several grants including:

- i. Awarded a federal New Building Canada grant of \$2.1 million dollars designated for potable water and fire suppression infrastructure improvements principally for the benefit of the business community with an overall net benefit to our entire community. This project is in keeping with Council's mandate to enhance business opportunities.
- ii. Awarded a federal Canada 150 grant of \$56,405. This will allow for building change rooms and a canteen at the Hespeler Park splash pad. Council is very appreciative to the Provincial and Federal Governments for providing these grants.
- iii. Awarded a provincial Municipal Road grant of \$100,000. These funds will support the development of the Niverville Business Park.
- iv. Awarded a provincial Community Places grant of \$18,000. These funds will allow for the enhanced development of the Highlands Park.
- v. Awarded an Enabling Accessibility grant of \$9,750. These funds are for Curling Rink improvements.

With our Town manager away on extended sick leave for the summer and early fall, a special thanks to our staff who have been carrying out not only their duties but also extra tasks in an exemplary manner.

Town officials met earlier in the year with provincial representatives regarding annexation of lands from the RM of Hanover to the Town. A consultant has been hired to complete the process and bring it before the Manitoba Municipal Board. This initiative is very important for the development of the Niverville Business Park and creating opportunities for the business interests to grow in Niverville.

The intersection of Highway 59 and 311 continues to be a sore spot but a resolution is in sight. Crews are already busy preparing for the installation of traffic lights which the Province has announced will be operational by Christmas.

While it is not the twinning of Highway 59 that has been asked for, it is a first step. Council remains committed in working with its neighboring municipalities to see the highway twinning project completed.

Recreation infrastructure has seen some significant upgrades this summer. Baseball enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that two diamonds in Hespeler Park have had the infields refurbished. Soccer fans can also look forward to improvements as a tender was recently awarded for the final landscaping, shaping, and hydra seeding of the additional soccer pitches in Hespeler Park. Construction has begun on the splash pad and is expected to be completed in 2016.

Council would like to thank the volunteers that worked hard this summer to promote the Communities in Bloom initiative along with the businesses and home owners that participated in this competition. It will be interesting to see the results of how Niverville fared against other communities that took part in this program.

This summer the Town of Niverville officially joined the PMCR or "Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region". This organization is comprised of municipalities outside the City of Winnipeg and brings mayors/reeves together, including representatives from the City of Winnipeg, to discuss such regional matters as community building, infrastructure investment, economic opportunities, and stewardship of our natural lands and resources. Niverville looks forward to working with this organization on projects of mutual interest.

In the coming months, the Town is researching several projects, namely:

- i. Enhancing drainage through the CPR tracks in the area south of Main Street.
- ii. Exploring with the Department of Justice how to enhance bylaw enforcement.

Both projects will be reported on as research is completed.

This is just a snapshot of what Council has been working on this summer. If you have any questions or comments for Council, please email [feedback@whereyoubelong.ca](mailto:feedback@whereyoubelong.ca).

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*Halloween Public Skating & Activities on October 31 from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM.*

*For more information or to register for one of the following courses contact the Community Services Office at 204-388-4078 or email [recreation@whereyoubelong.ca](mailto:recreation@whereyoubelong.ca)*

**Emergency First Aid & CPR Level C**  
• October 17

**Recertification First Aid & CPR**  
• November 5

**Introduction to Crochet: Scarves**  
• October 19, 26, November 2

**Beginner/Intermediate Dog Obedience**  
• October 21- December 2 (No class on Nov. 11)

**Hunter Education Course**  
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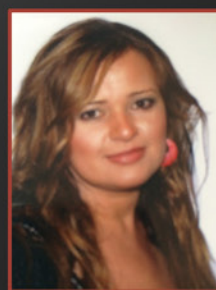
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# Entertainment

## Local Filmmakers Set Up Shop in Niverville



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If you attended the Emergency Services Volunteer Appreciation Night back in May, you may have noticed yourself tearing up because of a certain video. And if you didn't attend the event, you may have watched the video on YouTube (over 1,000 people have) or seen it shared on Facebook.

The video is entitled "The Brave Ones." It was created by a local ministry called Sea of Glass after they were commissioned by a Niverville church to make a short video honouring local emergency services volunteers. Sea of Glass is run by the team of Josiah Speers, Rory Hiebert, and Kaeleb Visram.

"We decided amongst ourselves that if we were going to do a video like this, we needed to do it right," says Josiah Speers. "So we went all out."

If you haven't seen the video, you might want to grab a box of tissues before you do. The 8-minute documentary-style piece showcases and honours the brave men and women who serve our community and the countless sacrifices they make.

"The biggest challenge with this project was taking all these



Filmmaker Josiah Speers in the field.

SEA OF GLASS

conversations and stories, hours of footage, and making it into a complete piece," says Speers.

At the heart of every great film is a story, and that story needs an appropriate arc leading to a natural conclusion. In order to make this work, the team often needed to cut wonderful content that didn't fit into the finished piece. This can be tough. "There were some regrettably great stories and emotional moments on the cutting room floor," says Speers.

While making the project, several moments took the team's breath away, some of which you can see in

the final cut. "I think the experience that sent shivers down my spine as a filmmaker was getting the privilege of experiencing something with somebody for the first time," says Speers. "Walking alongside an individual as they find a piece of themselves they had never noticed before, and feel an emotion they didn't know was there." He notes it was exciting from a personal and artistic standpoint.

This film was one of the first major projects taken on by the team, which also operates the production company Glass Floor Media. Through the process they

learned a plethora of important lessons, well beyond movie-making technique. One of the biggest? "Learning to rely on each other and trusting the vision others on the team have," says Speers.

"You got me all sappy now!" he jokes. "It was a good experience."

The short film can be found on YouTube or on the Sea of Glass website.

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**September 26 | All day**  
Imagine Run, Hespeler Park, Niverville. FREE.

**September 26 | 6:00 p.m.**  
Corks 'n Canas Wine Tasting Fundraiser, Steinbach Cultural Arts Centre, \$25.

**September 26 | 8:00 p.m.**  
Fundraiser & Dance (featuring Cracked Egg Shell) Steinbach Curling Club, \$15.

**September 26 | 6:30 p.m.**  
Fruit Share Fall Jam (featuring Hay Fever, Heinrichs Maneuver, and Alexandra Ross), Edgewood Place, La Broquerie, \$12.

**September 26 | 8:30 p.m.**  
Movie Night (Hook), Hespeler Park, Niverville. FREE.

**September 27 | 7:00 p.m.**  
The Neil Schellenberg Family Fundraising Concert, Rosenort Fellowship Chapel. FREE.

**October 3, 21 | 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**  
Game Day, Jake Epp Library, Steinbach. FREE.

**October 6 | 7:00 p.m.**  
Armin Wiebe's Book Launch and Reading, Jake Epp Library, Steinbach. FREE.

**October 7, 14, 21, 30 | 7:00 p.m.**  
Old Time Country Band, Pat Porter Active Living Centre, Steinbach. FREE.

**October 13 | 7:00 p.m.**  
Celtic Revival! (featuring The Sky Family), St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Steinbach. FREE.

**October 15-17 | 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
Bethesda Health Care Auxiliary Book Faire, Clearspring Centre, Steinbach. FREE.

**October 23 | 7:00 p.m.**  
Page to Film Night (Night at the Museum), Jake Epp Library, Steinbach. FREE.

**October 24 | 8:30 p.m.**  
Harvest Dance (featuring Small Town Limits), Friedensfeld Community Centre, \$20.

**October 30 | 8:00 p.m.**  
Old Time Country Dance (featuring Small Town Limits), Pat Porter Active Living Centre, Steinbach. \$16.

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PROFILE | DARREN SAKWI



Local Artist Darren Sakwi.  
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Local artist Darren Sakwi's talents reach far beyond sketching pictures. His most recent metal sculpture is proof, as it now sits on permanent display at 287 Broadway in downtown Winnipeg.

Sakwi has been making sculptures for six years through his business, Stainless Concepts. It all started when a fellow artist, Marcel Gosselin of La Salle, asked if Darren could work with him in fabricating a sculpture for a competition.

"After a few meetings reviewing [Gosselin's] work, he noticed my interest and ability to draw," Sakwi explains. "He stressed that I do a few drawings of sculptures. So a few months later I showed him a few drawings and he then suggested I quit my job and tackle sculpture art."

Sakwi has not quit his day job, as



Sakwi's art installation at 287 Broadway.

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he has a family to support, but he has completed and sold all but his first of 12 sculptures in the last 6 years.

So how do these pieces of art begin? With a little inspiration, of course. When asked where his inspiration comes from, he says, "Many places. Music, phrases, human figure, and most recently history representation." When Sakwi says "human figure," a big part of this comes from his role as a father. Darren's daughter is in competitive dance. "You could imagine the infinite number of positions the body can create in just one routine."

Sakwi's son has a genetic condition called Fragile X syndrome. "I try to imagine life through his eyes. I recently did a drawing of him playing the piano as how I think he sees. The piano has 5 keys that are all astray and his body is slumped over the keys as though he's trying to get as close as possible to the beautiful sound he is creating."

From this inspiration comes a sketch, which only takes 5 minutes. After a few sketches, he picks one which has nice flow and balance, keeping in mind that sheet metal can

only do certain things. Then a model is made from construction paper. This takes anywhere from 4 to 24 hours.

"From model to flat sheet metal, it will take another 10 hours if I go the route of laser cutting. This is a process where I take the flat pattern and import a digital copy into AutoCAD and create the flats for laser cutting."

Then the real sculpting begins, which can take anywhere from 40 to 100 hours in the shop. From a pallet full of puzzle pieces to an incredible sculpture work of art.

If you are interested in seeing Sakwi's creations, you can hire him, or go to Broadway in Winnipeg. The pictured metal piece of art is called "The Gathering."

When asked what's the meaning behind it, Sakwi says, "The X marks the heart of Winnipeg and the joining of our river where people gathered many years ago."

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# Shock and Horror in the Haunted Forest

Every October, thousands of Manitobans flock to a small forest just north of St. Adolphe to be scared.

By Matt Falk

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The Haunted Forest is an annual Halloween attraction at A Maze In Corn, situated directly behind the famous 10-acre corn maze.

If you've never been, the Haunted Forest is a live and interactive outdoor attraction. As you walk through this small, unassuming forest, you encounter ghouls, goblins, witches, and all manner of unearthly creatures. Some of these creatures are mechanical, and others are portrayed by improvisational actors.

Mike Secombe is one such actor. During his 10 years of scaring people in the Forest, he has played many different characters. One particular character is Iggy the Hunchback. Iggy is equal parts lovable and creepy.



Mike Secombe as George the Wizard and Tim Diagle as his ogre assistant Bob.

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"As Iggy, I had a sweet little girl of about 12 take a shine to me," says Secombe. "She wanted to be my friend, and held my hand for the entire visit to the forest."

Secombe says he loves playing Iggy because of his comic potential and the sheer fun nature of the character. "I

remember watching a father laugh himself to a state of tears as Iggy was teasing his screaming, horrified daughters."

He notes that his favourite part of the Haunted Forest is the huge range of people he gets to meet and entertain. He loves the varying reactions from patrons. "From shock and

horror to outright laughter. And more often than not, a mingling of everything," he says. "The idea is to both scare and amuse people at the same time, not to traumatize anybody for life."

Magic and theatrics certainly do play an integral role in the Forest. The costumes are particularly impressive

and vary wildly depending upon the actors. "Nobody ends up recognizable," says Secombe. "I've had people that have known me for years visit the Forest and not be aware that it was me that they were dealing with."

The ultimate goal of the Haunted Forest is to scare

people in a tasteful way. Clint Moss, one half of the husband/wife team that runs A Maze In Corn, says, "Blood and gore are just plain gross and are an easy way to scare people. We try to use magic and theatrics to scare our guests."

A Maze In Corn and the Haunted Forest have become a tradition for many families in Niverville and southeastern Manitoba. The Forest is open nearly every Thursday through Sunday in October. Moss recommends that younger children visit during the day, because when the sun goes down it tends to get a little spookier.

According to Secombe, the scariest part of the Haunted Forest is the fear of the unknown. "As actors, all we need to do is play upon the fears inherent in everybody's mind, and they usually end up scaring themselves."

Standing at the exit to the Haunted Forest, you see groups laughing and joking about how loud they all screamed. And according to Moss, that's the whole point. "Good times with family and friends, that's what it's all about."

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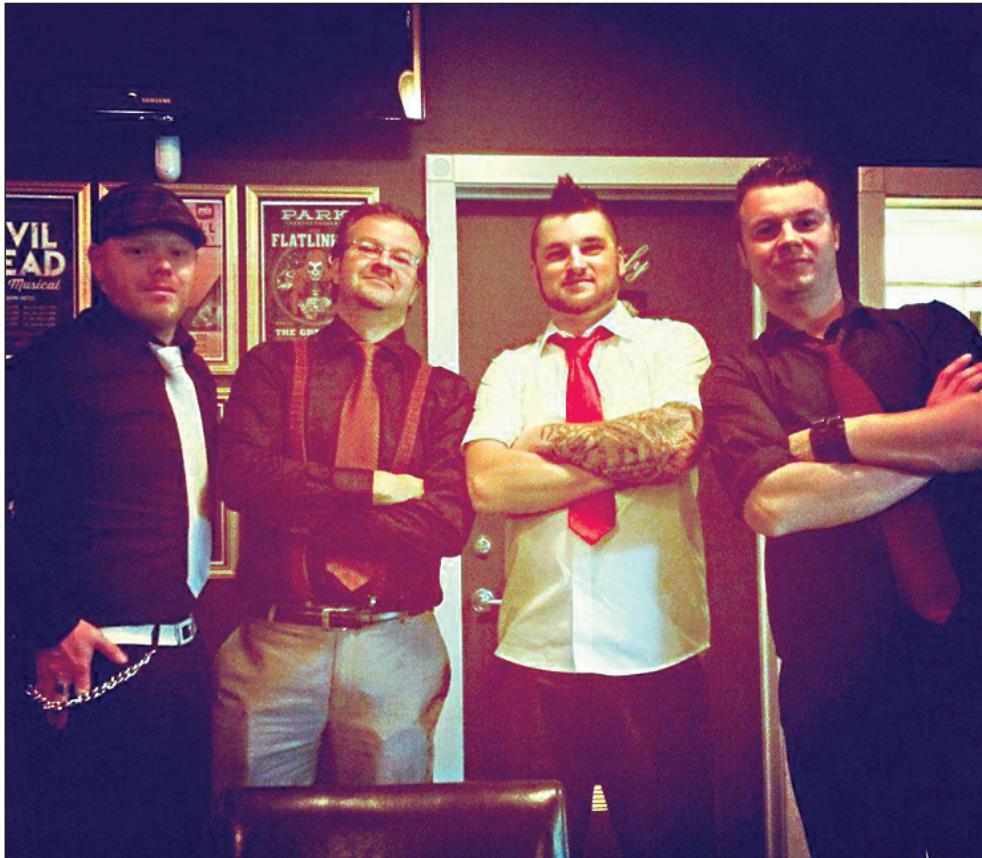
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Shaun St. Cyr, Joel Enns, Jarred Lawrence, and Chad Friesen

BY SYLVIA ST. CYR

# Whiskey Talks Launches New Album

By Sylvia St. Cyr

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After a 10-month hiatus from playing live shows, local band Whiskey Talks took the stage at Maw's Beer Hall in Winnipeg on August 14 to celebrate the launch party for their new album, *Love Me Loud*. It was recorded at Arcade Studios in Niverville, run by Gerry St. Cyr, Evan St. Cyr, and Marshall Krahn.

The new album includes 10 new songs, including titles

"OK Sunshine" and "Edge of the Knife." The band members include Shaun St. Cyr on vocals, Joel Enns on bass, Chad Friesen on lead guitar, and Jarred Lawrence on drums. A new addition is female back-up vocals, sung by Raesha Enns and Sylvia St. Cyr.

Their high-energy rock is sure to satiate any music lover's ear. The new album

is available for download on most music subscription sites, including iTunes.

To follow the band, as well as get dates for their next live shows, check out the links below.

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## Mental Health Matters

### • Schedule •

3:00 p.m. – Registration Opens

3:30 p.m. – Wynford Sound

4:00 p.m. – Mel Bergen

4:30 p.m. – Prairie Soul Dance Company

4:45 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies

– National Anthem by Mel Bergen

5:00 p.m. – Race Starts with Pyrotechnics

– \$5.00 BBQ

– Al Andrusco

5:30 p.m. – Elvis

6:00 p.m. – Matt Falk Comedy

6:10 p.m. – Brady Dyck

6:50 p.m. – Matt Falk Comedy

7:00 p.m. – Smokebox

8:00 p.m. – Race Results and Awards

8:10 p.m. – Fire Dance Show with Pedro

8:25 p.m. – Chinese Lantern Release

8:30 p.m. – Outdoor Movie "Hook"





Creative and healthy snack alternatives.

SUSAN WATSON

# Tricks and Treats for a Healthy Halloween

By Susan Watson

It's hard to miss the large displays of brightly wrapped candies, chocolates, and chips at this time of year. The temptation to indulge in sweets can be overwhelming but manageable by keeping the following tips in mind.

1. Purchase non-candy treats. Rest assured, children will have collected plenty of treats, so they won't be missing out. Many children are thrilled by the act of collecting different items, and there are many options: play dough, glow sticks, sugar-free gum, low-fat hot chocolate packets, popcorn, stickers, and balloons. A compromise is to create a bowl of both non-candy and candy

treats to provide trick-or-treaters with a choice. This is also a great way for children who have food allergies to partake in the fun.

2. Prepare healthy party food. Presentation matters! Healthy foods can be easily dressed up in a spooky way. Try "mini pumpkins" by peeling small oranges and inserting celery sticks in the middle as a stem. "Gross eyeballs" can be made using hard-boiled eggs, replacing the yolk with guacamole, and topping it with an olive and drizzling it with ketchup. Many seasonal favourites can be prepared with less sugar, salt, and fat. Pumpkin puree is a good substitute for fat in recipes. Consider baking pumpkin-carrot muffins, zucchini bread, or stuffed apples.

3. Make wiser choices. If the above suggestions don't interest you, remember that not all treats are created equal. Some treats contain more calories, fat, and sugar than others. A 7.5-gram Aero bar has 40 calories, 2 grams of fat, and 4 grams of sugar while a single Reese Peanut Butter Cup has 105 calories, 6.5 grams of fat, and 10.5 grams of sugar.

4. Keep it physical. If you're hosting a Halloween bash, incorporate active and physical games to get your guests on their feet. Try "musical pumpkins" using fun Halloween songs, or a skeleton scavenger hunt, having the kids hunt for parts to complete a skeleton set. Later, get your trick-or-treaters to walk rather than hop into a car every few feet.

5. Create a learning opportunity. The ultimate goal is to get children to make healthy choices independently. One strategy is to allow them to manage their own candy stash. On Halloween night, let them organize their stash and have a few pieces. After that, store it and limit consumption to after-meal times only. Interfere only if you feel it necessary.

Remember to maintain the spirit of Halloween and don't get too carried away with monitoring sugar intake! Halloween is a great reminder that it's okay to have treats once in a while and that they have their place in a healthy diet.

## Complete Thanksgiving Dinner

Submitted by Carisa Klassen



### Roast Chicken or Turkey

2 kg chicken/turkey  
1 lemon  
2 sprigs rosemary  
4 whole garlic cloves, peeled  
1 tsp salt  
1 onion, thickly sliced

- Trim chicken/turkey and discard fat from cavity. Pierce lemon in a few spots and place in cavity with rosemary and garlic. Sprinkle outside of chicken/turkey with salt.
- Arrange onion slices in centre or roasting pan and place chicken/turkey on top, breast side down
- Roast in preheated oven. 400 F for 20 minutes. Turn chicken/turkey breast side up and roast for 40 to 60 minutes longer or until meat thermometer inserted in thigh reads 165 F. Baste every 20 minutes during roasting. If chicken/turkey is browning too much reduce heat to 350 F and/or place foil over top.
- Transfer chicken/turkey to platter or carving board. Pour juices into a measuring cup. Add a few tbs of boiling water to roasting pan and scrape up anything stuck to the bottom. Add to juices in measuring cup.
- Cut chicken/turkey into serving pieces, discard fat from juices, and pour juices over the chicken/turkey.

### Stove Top Stuffing Casserole

4 cups peeled sliced carrots  
1 tbs butter  
1 tbs shredded onion  
1 can cream of mushroom or cream of celery soup  
1 small box stove top stuffing  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

- Cook carrots until tender crisp, then drain. Add butter, onion, soup. Mix and cook a few minutes in carrot pot. Prepare stove top stuffing according to directions.
- In 8 x 8 casserole dish, layer 1/2 stove top, then 1/2 of carrot mixture and 1/2 of cheese. Repeat, ending with cheese. Bake at 350 F for 20-25 minutes.

### Mashed Potatoes

5 lbs potatoes or 9 large  
2 packages cream cheese, softened  
1 cup sour cream  
2 tsp onion salt  
1 tsp garlic salt  
2 tbs butter

Cook potatoes and mash, add all other ingredients but butter and mix thoroughly. Put in greased baking dish and dab with butter. Cover with foil and bake at 350 F for 50 minutes.

### Yams & Pecans

3 cups mashed and peeled yams (or sweet potato)  
1/3 cup evaporated milk  
1/2 cup melted butter  
2 eggs  
1/3 cup sugar  
Beat ingredients with a mixer and place in 8 x 10 dish.

### Topping

3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/3 cup butter  
1/2 cup flour  
1/3 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
crumble together and sprinkled on top mashed yams

Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes.

### Pumpkin Cheesecake

Crust  
1 3/4 cups graham cracker crumbs  
3 tbs brown sugar  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 cup butter

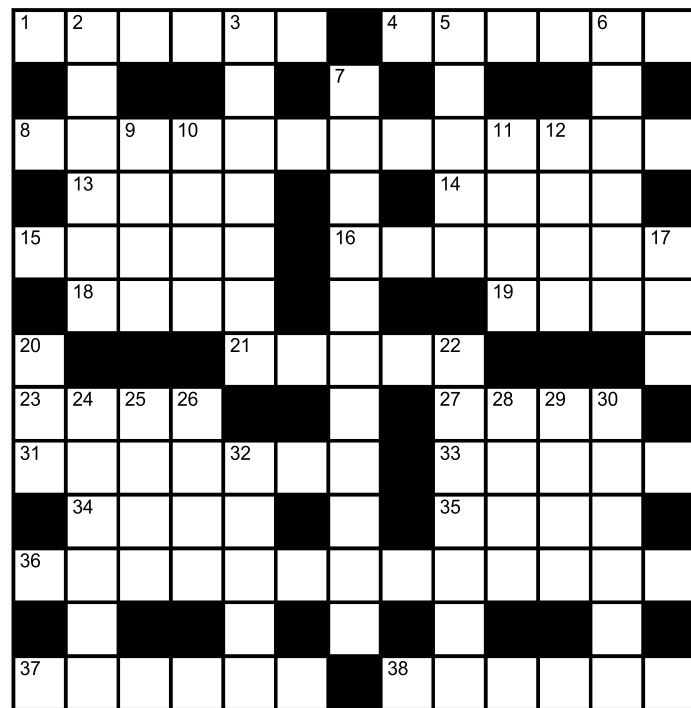
Line 9" springform pan with parchment, combine ingredients and pat into pan. Bake in preheated oven 350 F for 10 minutes. Allow to cool.

Filling: all ingredients must be room temperature!  
3 8 oz packages cream cheese  
1 15oz can purred pumpkin  
3 eggs plus 1 yolk  
1/4 cup sour cream  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1/8 tsp nutmeg  
1/8 tsp cloves  
2 tbs flour  
1 tsp vanilla

Beat cheese until smooth, add remaining ingredients, and mix until just combined. Pour on top graham cracker crust. Bake 70 minutes at 325 F then turn oven off and leave cake in oven (door ajar with wooden spoon) for another 60 minutes. Cool at room temperature two hours then refrigerate. Best served next day.



**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**ACROSS**

- 1. Join together
- 4. Pretended
- 8. Paid announcement
- 13. Enclose
- 14. Burden
- 15. Ten Commandments mountain
- 16. Greatly loved
- 18. Resting place
- 19. Animal
- 21. Moral precept of conduct
- 23. Full of unresolved question
- 27. Donations to the poor
- 31. City in W central Israel
- 33. Shines
- 34. Brood
- 35. Inwardly
- 36. List of questions
- 37. Human mind
- 38. German military camp

**DOWN**

- 2. ----- English, artificial language
- 3. Explosive
- 5. Bulge
- 6. Scottish seaport
- 7. Bad behaviour
- 9. Grape plant
- 10. Periods of history
- 11. Emotional state
- 12. Overhanging lower edge of a roof
- 17. Not wet
- 20. Strike
- 22. Storage cupboard
- 24. Thighbones
- 25. Floating ice
- 26. Barks shrilly
- 28. Female name
- 29. Republic in W Africa
- 30. Atlanta suburb
- 32. Leguminous plant

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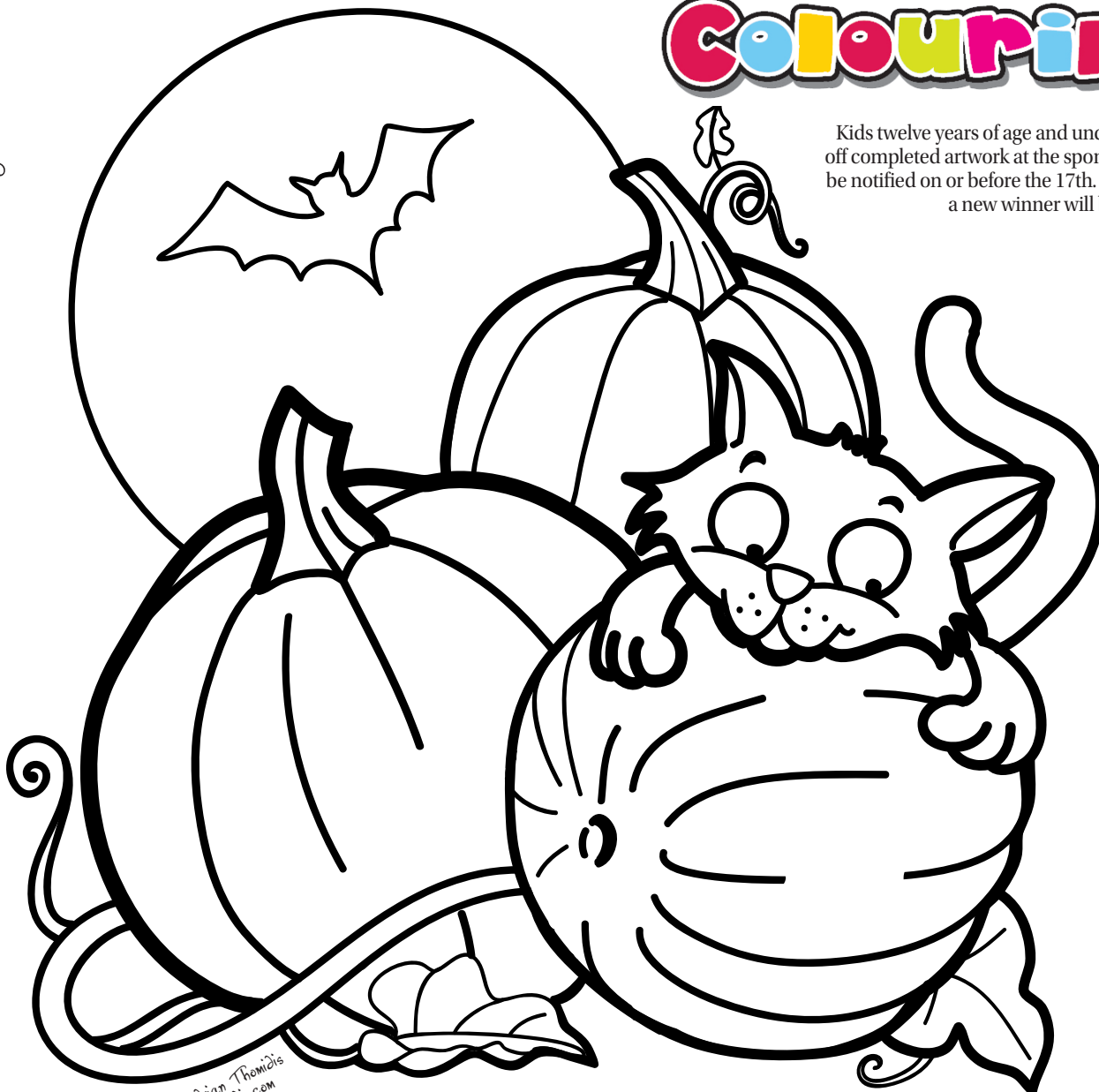


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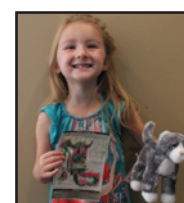
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