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# Youth Drop-In Centre a Safe Space



Niverville's YFC drop-in centre.

JOEY VILLANUEVA

**By Jacqueline Chartrand**

Niverville Youth for Christ (YFC) is housed at 289 Main Street in the building at the eastern edge of the Bigway parking lot. It is busiest on Monday and Thursday evenings, when it hums with the high energy of its young regulars, both inside and in the outdoor skate park. A cozy living-room arrangement of sofas

sits to the right of the entrance. Nearby, the large recreation area is filled with table games, including ping-pong and a variety of video games. A door at the back leads to a gym, a music room, and a pleasant office space for counselling.

Gordon Kroeker has been the director for the past eight years. Other staff include David Ward, program director, and Johnny Long, who works

part-time as the skate director. Volunteers supervise activities and support various initiatives.

When counselling is required, young people can make an appointment with Eunice Wiebe, who visits Niverville from Turning Point Counselling Centre in Winnipeg.

YFC Canada fits into the missionary entrepreneur model of ministry. Chapters meet local ministry needs and

can take on a unique look, such as drop-in centres, young parent programs, skate ministries, and sports programs.

Fundraising is a constant source of stress for the staff, who always hope to find sponsors with a heart for young people. Staff members are required to source the funding for their own salaries. This requires time, effort, and, as Kroeker puts it, "lots of aunts and uncles who believe in what you are doing!"

Many projects are currently underway at the Niverville YFC, such as a wrestling program on Tuesdays and Thursdays for younger children run by Adrian Bruce, head coach of wrestling at the University of Winnipeg. In addition, David Ward conducts Pathfinder games on Wednesdays and screens volunteers.

Johnny Long recently engaged the youth in a successful clothing drive where donations from kids were sent to Siloam and Union Gospel

Missions. Long's next project is scheduled for July 29–August 9, when he will enable a group of skaters to participate in Skate-life's Road Rage 2016, travelling across Canada to participate in competitions and be filmed in the process.

Youth who come to the YFC are generally from families who don't attend a local church. This definitely shapes the philosophy and approach of staff and volunteers.

"We are a parachurch organization," says Kroeker, "recognizing that other youth groups exist within local churches. Our faith compels us to show love and grace to others."

Staff and volunteers invest time to focus on the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of any youth who come through the doors.

"We provide a drug- and alcohol-free space where young people can come and hang out," Kroeker adds that they aren't hassled with God

talk, but "if anyone expresses spiritual hunger, he or she is invited to dialogue and receives wise counsel in an open-ended environment. It is a fine line to walk."

Niverville YFC is a satellite of the Winnipeg chapter, but it is in the process of drawing up its own charter to be a charitable organization.

YFC hosts an annual banquet with tables paid for by sponsors. "We are blessed with very positive local businesses," says Kroeker.

There is definitely a history of accomplishments to be celebrated. The origins of a local drop-in centre for young people began in the late 80s, when John Falk started a youth hangout in an old house on Main Street.

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# Does Niverville Need More Councillors?



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In the fall of 2014, an unprecedented number of candidates stepped forward to run for a position on Niverville's town council during the municipal election campaign. From the ten candidates, four councillors were elected.

Two months after the election, the Niverville Chamber of Commerce (NCoC) met with council to make a recommendation for increasing the number of council seats to better serve our growing community. Today, we still have only four council seats, with one seat vacant as John Falk moves on to run as the Liberal candidate in the coming provincial election.

Mayor Myron Dyck admits that council is putting it off for now, ready to address it closer to the next election period in 2018. The Manitoba Municipal Act permits a council to change the number of councillors by bylaw. This must be done 180 days or more before the next general election. At present, council's focus has been more on capital projects than council expansion.

"A community that's in management phase might not need as many council members as one that's in growth phase," says Dyck. "We are in growth phase when simply looking at building permits."

He adds that an argument can be made for adding an additional councillor, but the demands on a councillor's time aren't as great as they used to be. Between 2004 and 2006, council members acted as liaisons to many community committees, such as the Arts Council, Clipper Ice Sports, the NCoC, and Services to Seniors.

"The busiest time between '04 and '06 was 20 evenings that I was booked in one month for meetings," says Dyck, who was a town councillor at the time. "When you're doing that kind of output, you can see that we need more people."

When Greg Fehr was elected mayor in 2006, his strategy was to

make council more of a policy-making board, freeing up council's time to write bylaws and set up the framework by which committees could function more autonomously. With this approach, council members were no longer expected to attend the various committee meetings. Committee heads were encouraged to bring their concerns to Jim Buys, the town's chief administrative officer, or to other staff members who in turn would make their presentations to council at scheduled council meetings.

"One thing that I'm learning in my leadership is that you can put full trust in these volunteer committees and leadership boards," adds Dyck. "I trust them wholeheartedly. I don't question what they're doing."

**"A community that's in management phase might not need as many council members as one that's in growth phase. We are in growth phase when simply looking at building permits."**

**Myron Dyck**  
Mayor, Town of Niverville

He recognizes, though, that council could be more purposeful in taking an interest in committees, which is why more councillors could be a good thing.

"Right now, as four councillors, we are handling what we need to handle. I believe that it's being done adequately. With a fifth councillor, could we do even more? Obviously."

He says the cost of another councillor is something council would need to take a hard look at, to determine whether the benefit would outweigh the expenditure.

Mayor and councillor salaries are decided upon by each council. The mayor of Niverville currently receives about \$17,000 per year, the deputy mayor between \$12,000 and \$13,000, while councillors make between \$10,000 and \$11,000 plus deductions. The number of hours invested falls between 15 to 20 per week on average.

On determining council salaries, Dyck says, "Too much and people are just in it for the money. Too little and people aren't willing to make the sacrifice to volunteer what needs to be done in order to do it."

John Falk, former councillor, suggests that the proposal to add more

councillors should be put back on the table.

"There is an awful lot of work going on on council," says Falk. He adds that some councils, like the one in Morris, has added a student representative to the mix to provide input from the younger generation. Student reps are appointed by the local high school, involved in all of the discussions though they cannot vote on proposals.

Morris has 2,000 residents for six town councillors. Niverville, on the other hand, is pushing 5,000 residents.

"We have debated a lot about the correct number [of councillors] and there is no clear answer," says Gavin van der Linde, mayor of Morris. "I believe that four councillors are

adequate for the work at hand. However, things can get complicated for a number of reasons."

Van der Linde cites the loss of a councillor to another job or extended sick leave. He also suggests that there are times when councillors might disengage themselves from certain issues or discussions for a variety of reasons. With more councillors, you have a broader diversity of skills and input of ideas.

"With six councillors there is more of a buffer to help manage any of [those] situations," he says. "Four can be a little tight and less forgiving."

A 2013 provincial government survey revealed that 53 percent of municipalities outside of Winnipeg have less than 200 residents per elected official. 23 percent have 200 to 400 residents per official, and 24 percent have over 400 residents per official. Niverville's ratio is currently around 950 residents per elected official.

To put this in perspective, Steinbach, a city of 15,000 residents, has six council members (2,500 residents per official) while Brandon, a city of 50,000, has ten (5,000 residents per official). According to Steinbach mayor Chris Goertzen, out of the 137 municipalities in Manitoba, only Winnipeg employs councillors on a full-time basis.

As to losing Falk as a councillor, Dyck says town council may look at a by-election to replace him.

## CITIZEN POLL

## THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

**Does Niverville have an adequate number of councillors to meet its needs?**

- ☐ **YES** - Four councillors are sufficient.
- ☐ **NO** - The town could benefit from additional councillors.

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## LAST MONTH'S RESULTS:

**Will John Falk joining the Liberals change how you vote in the upcoming provincial election?**

YES - It has definitely changed which party I will support with my vote.

**32%**

NO - I had made my mind up before the announcement was made.

**41%**

MAYBE - I want to hear more about what he plans to do before I decide.

**27%**

## YOUR COMMENTS:

"Our area has been PC solid for a very long time...so I wonder if we are considered to be a mindless shoe-in with no effort required from the PC's to gain this predictable seat. Perhaps it's time to rattle the cage?"

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# Clinic Update

Niverville Medical Clinic is sad to announce that Dr. Kiani will be leaving her practice to start work in St. Pierre, effective March 9. Her start date in St. Pierre is towards the end of April.

However, we are very pleased to announce that Dr. Antonius will be joining our group on April 4. He will be happy to assume the care of any patients of Dr. Kiani who may wish it, as well as take on new patients. He will work full-time at our clinic and have admitting privileges at St. Pierre. Living in Niverville, he will also provide care to the Heritage Life Personal Care Home.

## Former patients of Dr. Kiani will have three options:

- They can remain patients of the clinic and be seen by Dr. Antonius (or our new nurse practitioner, scheduled to start in spring).
- They can move their file to St. Pierre and continue to be seen there by Dr. Kiani.
- They can request that their chart be transferred to another clinic (at the expense of the patient).

Our remaining clinicians will be happy care for Dr. Kiani's patients until Dr. Antonius begins in April.

We are excited by the future of primary care in our community. We will have five clinicians working in the center by this summer, and then we'll be moving to our new location in the spring of 2017. With more clinicians and a new building, we'll be looking at extending our hours.

The coming together of the various services offered by both the Regional Health Authority and the Niverville Medical Clinic, in a new facility built specifically for this purpose, will benefit our community tremendously. We thank you for your support.

Reminder: We currently allow for three drop-in appointments per day, starting at 8:30 a.m. Each of our clinicians are also available for same-day appointments, which can be accessed after 9:00 a.m. on the day of the appointment. From April onward, Dr. Antonius will be serving drop-in appointments for anyone in our area, with extended hours from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.



## The Chamber Corner

**Provincial Election  
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### Welcome new members

The Chamber would like to welcome these new members.

Business: Danae Funk Bookkeeping & Touch of Glass

Individual: Norm Klippenstein

### Volunteer of the month

Mayor Myron Dyck on behalf of Town Council and Dawn Harris on behalf of the Niverville Chamber of Commerce were pleased to award the Volunteer Appreciation Award for the month of March to Cindy Plessis. Cindy is being recognized for her assistance with the 2015 Winterfest craft

sale. Without the countless hours Cindy spent contacting vendors, helping advertise the show, and advising the Niverville Chamber of Commerce on the many details involved in running such an event, the craft sale would not have been the success that it was.



### Chamber annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Niverville Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Centre.

### Chamber supports heritage designation

The chamber has provided a letter of support to the Crow Wing Trail Association that is requesting Heritage Highway Designation for parts of hwy 59, 200, 201, 218 and 311 that have been built on top of the original Crow Wing Trail. The trail was the shipping route used by the Hudson Bay Company to connect Upper Fort Garry with St. Paul Minnesota in the 1800s. Remnants of the original cart trail are still visible in some fields in the area.



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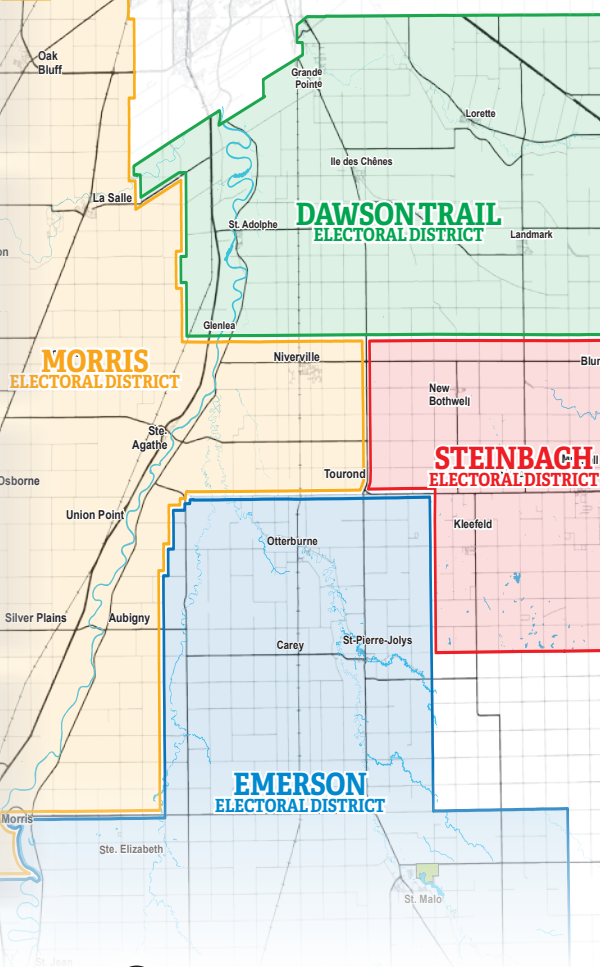


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## IN BRIEF

## Morris Riding Candidates Forum

The Niverville Chamber of Commerce will be holding a candidates forum on April 6, featuring candidates from the Morris riding. The event will be held in the Heritage Centre atrium at 7:00 p.m.

## Île-des-Chênes Students Perform Musical

École Île-des-Chênes School performed a fantastic version of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* at their spring musical in three performances on March 16–17. Kailyn O'Keefe played Ariel and Joshua Dowse played Prince Eric. The students were directed by principal Sandra Turcotte.

Students in Grades 4–6 were involved in all aspects of the production, including acting, sound, lights, hair, make-up, and set design. The choir was made up of students in Grades 1–3.

Money raised from admission goes towards developing the drama program and acquiring equipment and costumes to continue the musicals on an annual basis.

"It is an amazing schoolwide endeavour that really brings the school and community together," says Sandra Turcotte. "These are experiences that enrich students' learning. Something they will remember forever."

# Provincial Election 2016

On April 19, Manitobans will elect a new provincial government.

The Niverville Citizen distributes to the residents and businesses of eight towns within a 25-kilometre circle of each other: Niverville, Île-des-Chênes, Ste. Agathe, Tourond, Otterburne, New Bothwell, St. Adolphe, and Landmark. But for the purposes of provincial elections, this tight-knit region

is chopped up into four different electoral districts—Morris, Dawson Trail, Steinbach, and Emerson.

Many of these boundaries changed in 2011. For example, Niverville, which had for decades fallen within the boundaries of the Steinbach district, found itself aligned with Morris and the many

communities west of the Red River.

To help make your decision easier, and to help you locate your electoral district, we've included a map of the local ridings and a breakdown of the candidates up for election in your area.

We encourage our readers to be informed when you head to the

polls on April 19.

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# The Demand for French Immersion

Hanover is one of the only divisions in Manitoba that doesn't offer French immersion.



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The fact that Niverville is one of the fastest growing communities in Manitoba is not new information. However, the rate of expansion might be. According to Niverville's mayor, Myron Dyck, our population has grown by roughly 200 new residents per year, over the past few years.

This growth, coupled with the fact that many young couples are starting and growing families, means the current schools are crowded. With about 1,000 students enrolled, temporary classroom huts have been pressed into service.

Niverville has two schools, both English-speaking. In fact, the Hanover School Division is one of the only divisions in Manitoba that doesn't currently offer French immersion.

However, a few towns near Niverville do. École Héritage Immersion in St.-Pierre-Jolys even buses students from Niverville and the surrounding area.

"I am very grateful for the busing [as] my daughters get picked up in Niverville and dropped back off," says Adam Wiebe, a single dad who sends his two daughters there. "Without that as a possibility, I'd have no way of getting my daughters to and from school."

The demand for sending children to French immersion has never been higher. In Manitoba, it's up 19.3 percent in the last five years—and more and more Niverville parents seem to want this option for their children.

Lindsay Unrau is one of those parents. "The busing situation

isn't ideal. Our kids are on the bus for two hours a day. Mornings are always rushed with a 7:27 a.m. pick-up time (which is better than previous years when it was once 7:10 a.m.), with the bus returning about 4:30 p.m."

Unrau says that knowing a second language, especially in bilingual Canada, has its advantages. "We wanted to afford our children every opportunity available for a successful future. Many opportunities here in Manitoba are often based on whether you can speak both official languages."

Niverville's former mayor Greg Fehr also sends his kids to French immersion. "Any immersion program, whether it's French, German, or Ukrainian immersion, opens you up to the fact that the world is

in huts, that means that Niverville requires another 200 children in huts. Looking at the demographics, there are about 50 to 60 students per grade at NCI, with numbers in the 80 to 90 children per grade at NES. So simply put, once the children at NES start to populate the NCI, and provided that those parents with preschool children place them at NES, then Niverville could soon have 1,200 students in the K-12 classrooms. So you can see when 100 (plus) students are leaving for French immersion, that would be closer to 1,100."

If Niverville is in need of a new school regardless, and French immersion is an option many parents are already looking for, why not build a French immersion school in Niverville?

been the one they have said needs to be next."

If this new school were to be French immersion, it would bring back most, if not all, of the students attending elsewhere right now. Without exception, all of the parents interviewed for this article said they would definitely send their kids to school in Niverville if the option existed.

As for what French immersion would do for the community, Dyck says, "Pros would be having both official languages available for our community, parents wouldn't have to have their kids on a bus for parts of the day, and having people move to our community or stay in our community who desire to have this service. I'm not sure of any cons."

There are no concrete plans in place for a new French immersion school right now. But Bob Wiebe, Communications Manager of HSD, has said that the division has hired a consultant to explore the issue further. The consultant they have hired has prior experience implementing French immersion schools.

"We have asked the consultant to review all aspects of creating a French immersion school, to look at all the variables such as enrollment, staffing requirements, space requirements, and grade offerings," says HSD Superintendent Randy Dueck.

As of right now, the division has to give up funding that is available for French programs and schools, but bringing an immersion program to Niverville would put that money back into our communities.

A well-informed decision, based on the consultant's analysis, is expected to be made by the end of June this year.

## 137 students living in the Hanover School Division go to other towns for French immersion. Most of those live in Niverville, roughly 120.

bigger than just the culture that you know."

As of right now, 137 students living within the Hanover School Division go to surrounding towns to take advantage of French immersion programs. Most of those students live in Niverville, roughly 120.

Building a new school, wherever that might be, is always a big undertaking and has to be approved and funded by the government.

"The province of Manitoba is reactive, not proactive, when it comes to building new schools," says Mayor Dyck. "They say if a school can hold 400 students, then one needs to have 400 students in huts before they will consider building a new school. So if NCI has about 400 capacity and NES has 400 capacity and 200 students

"The biggest driver of it, from my understanding, is the public," says Fehr. "There would need to be a community champion who is for French immersion. You also need a petition signed by at least twenty parents. Once you have this, it has to go to the Minister [of Education]. It's part of guaranteeing those francophone rights."

Currently, the elementary school is in the process of building an addition which will make room for five more classrooms.

"The Hanover School Division and [Niverville] Town Council have been lobbying the province hard for a new school for the past three years," says Dyck. "Each year, the HSD is asked for their number one priority, as far as new schools are concerned, and Niverville has

## Hanover School Division Releases Budget



By Evan Braun

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In early March, the Board of Trustees for the Hanover School Division approved its 2016-17 budget. The estimated operating expenses total \$83.6 million dollars.

The budget includes funding for new teachers, learning coaches, and resource personnel; new transportation safety initiatives (bus surveillance camera, GPS fleet tracking, and a student-passenger tracking system); and improved access to learning technology.

"Hanover School Division continues to be a very efficient school division," says Rick Peters, Board Finance Chair. "Although the 2016-17 budget represents a 4.28 percent increase in expenditures, which is up \$3.5 million dollars over last year, HSD has the lowest cost-per-student average in the province of Manitoba... When compared to other school divisions, HSD local taxation, as a percentage of total revenue, is below the Manitoba provincial average, as are administration expenses which are amongst the lowest in the province."

The provincial government is anticipated to provide \$51.5 million in funding, 60 percent of the division's operating revenue. The remaining 40 percent is obtained through education taxes. Though the mill rate will decrease this year from 16.02 percent to 14.92 percent, due to property assessments, the education tax levy will increase by 2.24 percent.

"Trustees were very mindful of the budgetary impact on local taxation, and worked hard to find cost savings, balancing the educational needs of our students with divisional growth," Peters says. "The Board of Trustees also recognizes that while tax increases are sometimes needed to maintain a high quality of education, annual marginal tax increases will have less budgetary impact on taxpayers than a large tax increase followed by a temporary freeze. Spreading the required cost over time, evenly and marginally, reflects a recognition of household budget pressures."

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# Falk Kicks Off Campaign



John Falk speaks at campaign event.

BRENDA SAWATZKY

## By Brenda Sawatzky

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On March 15, John Falk held a wine-and-cheese mixer at his campaign headquarters at 295 Main Street in Niverville. The event kicked off his run with the Liberal Party of Manitoba in the

Morris riding.

Falk addressed attendees with an opening message of disappointment in having to step down from Niverville's town council, a position he's held for seven years and will truly miss. Elections Manitoba requires that candidates for a

provincial election not hold a position as a municipal councillor.

"I look at this as an opportunity to serve beyond my community in an even bigger capacity," says Falk.

"John is a respected councillor in his area and has been a great citizen with a long history of volunteerism," says Mike Brown, director of communications for Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari. "Rana has been very particular when it comes to candidates and she is especially excited about John as a leader in his constituency."

Falk began giving back to his community in 1987 when, together with his wife Irene and several other community members, he founded Niverville's first youth drop-in centre. Later, many students and parents came to know Falk as coach of the Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls basketball teams at Niverville Collegiate. For the past five years, he's served on the board of Imagine Mental Health Matters (IMHM), sharing the organization's deep desire to end the stigma

attached to mental health issues.

Through his years as a town councillor, Falk has learned the importance of working together with citizens in finding solutions.

"Leadership is all about listening," says Falk. "It's not about control... The Liberal party is a strong believer in talking to the people, going to the grassroots. We are a ground-floor-up party versus a top-down."

Falk enthusiastically endorses the Fair Share, Fair Say campaign, initiated by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. The campaign advocates to see more provincial tax dollars funnelled into municipalities and less restrictions on how the funds are allocated. The Manitoba Liberals intend to do just that by turning over one percent of the provincial sales tax to municipalities. According to Falk, municipalities will be given the freedom to apply the extra funds wherever they deem necessary.

"Whether it's roads or expansion of lagoons, the

provincial government doesn't know what municipalities need like the locals do," says Falk. "It is [a] huge [benefit] to give municipalities a choice in where they want to spend their money instead of Big Brother telling them, 'This is where you've got to do it.' That's not right."

Falk's experience with IMHM predisposes him toward another Liberal plan to place mental health under the umbrella of provincial healthcare.

Third on Falk's policy list is a proposal to phase out payroll tax over the next five years. Falk states that the imposition of a payroll tax penalizes businesses for providing jobs, and it discourages business growth. Another tax to be phased out under a Liberal government is the land transfer tax on first-time homebuyers.

The Liberals also plan to provide more financial support to arts, culture, and tourism. Falk believes that growth in these areas will benefit the province by drawing in more out-of-province spending and help build up the economy.

Falk addressed childcare issues in Manitoba, alluding to the ever-growing waitlists for childcare facilities. A Liberal government would invest in childcare-provider training, increase provider wages, and create more infrastructure.

"It is a well known fact that for every dollar that you invest in childcare, two dollars is being returned to the economy," Falk says.

Falk addressed one final

Liberal proposal: guaranteed minimum income (GMI), or "mincome," as the party calls it. The proposal would look at providing every Manitoban with a guaranteed income, similar to a senior's pension but impacting people of all ages.

The idea is not a new one. In the mid 1970s, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Manitoba Premier Ed Schreyer implemented a trial study in Dauphin, Manitoba. A program was put in place to provide a guaranteed income to low- or no-wage earners for four years. In the end, according to Falk, it positively impacted the residents' education levels, overall health, and self-image.

Unfortunately, with the election of a new premier, the study was dropped and the results filed away in boxes. Falk suggests that, at this point, the Liberals are only prepared to bring the GMI findings back to the table for discussion. Two pilot projects will be initiated to start it off.

In closing, Falk reminded those gathered of his desire to give Niverville and the Morris riding a stronger voice.

"For 62 years we've been under PC leadership," says Falk. "The tendency [in those circumstances] is to take people for granted. That's a danger."

He appealed to those who have been long-time PC voters to consider a change. "Is having a local MLA worth considering changing your vote? I think it does make a difference."

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# Shannon Martin Seeks Second Term

By Evan Braun

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On March 16, the day that the provincial election was called, the temperature in southern Manitoba crept up to a comfortable four degrees. Just two days earlier, it hit a record-breaking fourteen degrees. Flash back two years, to late January 2014, and Shannon Martin was busily canvassing the wide geographical area that is the Morris constituency in record-breaking cold.

"I was just joking with my sign guy," Martin says over a drink at Hespeler's Cookhouse and Tavern in Niverville. "As we're putting a sign up in someone's yard, I said, 'You know what? It sure beats the minus forty when we put up a sign here last time.' There were times during the by-election when I literally—I live in La Salle—I literally could not leave my neighbourhood, because of the drifts. Like, nobody could get through... So this is heaven!"

Martin won that by-election, resoundingly, with 70 per cent of the vote. Those sorts of big wins have been common in Morris, which has been solidly Progressive Conservative all the way back to 1954.

Like Martin himself, Niverville is a relative newcomer to Morris politics, having been redistricted just prior to the 2011 provincial election. Niverville is now the largest community in the riding, with La Salle and Headingley running second and third respectively.

"Unfortunately it's those outlying communities of any riding that find themselves



Shannon Martin with PC leader Brian Pallister.

SHANNON MARTIN

moved around," Martin says. "And because Niverville is the largest community, then it's easier to move them around and give the new riding a population boost."

From Niverville in the east, Elie in the west, and the town of Morris in the south, Martin has a lot of ground to cover. In the two years since first taking office, Martin says he has made it a priority to attend every town and RM council meeting at least once.

"I think it's important to know who the other elected officials are, because they play a very important role," he says. "You want to build those relationships. I think I've done, in my opinion, a good job of getting out and about in the

communities."

Martin sees similar challenges playing out in many areas of southern Manitoba, particularly in the communities he represents. Whether it's Niverville, La Salle, Headingley, or Oak Bluff, the biggest challenge is growth.

"They're all doing very well. I mean, new homes are going up. But with that population comes other challenges in terms of infrastructure, and more than just pipes and pavement. We're talking about new schools, new recreation facilities, and all those things that come from a growing population. I've always said, though, that these are good problems to have."

Niverville has seen its share

of population-related stresses. The high school, for example, has seven huts. The elementary school is in the process of building an additional five classrooms just to accommodate the grades it already has.

"There's overcrowding all over," Martin acknowledges. "Headingley needs a new school. My kids are ten, eight, and six. They go to the La Salle school, and they're on their fifth hut now. There's plans in the works for another six huts. I mean, we're bursting."

According to Randy Dueck, superintendent of the Hanover School Division, the current provincial government is hesitant about approving capital expenditures like new schools until the population already exists to fill them. This often leads to inadequate facilities during growth periods.

Martin says this is somewhat counterintuitive. "The frustrating part is that this population growth didn't happen overnight," he points out. "You didn't wake up in Niverville and say, 'Ooh, there's 500 more kids here.' I mean, one thing governments do is they collect data, so these things shouldn't come as a big surprise... I guess part of the issue is that predictions can go wrong. But these are not predictions. They're projections. There's a difference."

In the last couple weeks, the various party leaders have been campaigning on key policy points. Progressive Conservatives leader Brian Pallister has pledged to roll back the PST to seven per cent in their mandate.

"This affects not just

individuals but businesses and municipalities," Martin says. "It affects hospitals and schools, too, because they're all paying PST. And so everyone benefits by the rollback."

However, Martin thinks the raising of the PST two years ago is a symptom of much larger problems. "Manitobans are among the highest taxed in Canada. That's the data. Open up the government's own budgets and you'll see that... Under the NDP, in their last term, they doubled the size of Manitoba's debt. You're talking about the debt being up to 32 billion dollars, which is a phenomenal amount of money."

For this reason, according

to Martin, Pallister has wisely made it clear that the PCs won't be making many grandiose spending promises until they get a chance to see the financial books and determine how deep in the hole the government is.

As Martin heads into the final weeks of the campaign, he says he will focus on forging relationships and knocking on as many doors as possible.

"I've been afforded such a unique privilege to sit as an MLA. It's a wonderful, wonderful experience," he says. "And knock on wood, I'm hoping that I can enjoy it for a little bit longer."

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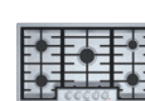
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# An Economic Development Officer Benefits Everyone

Business community has been lobbying for years.



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The question of hiring a community economic development officer (CEDO) has long been on the minds of Niverville developers and businesspeople. Many town councils have a full-time CEDO on staff, recognizing the important role they play in a community through their distinct skills of development and acquisition of business.

Their role, though, is not limited to assisting business. Lesley Gaudry works as a full-time CEDO for the RM of Ritchot.

"Communities can benefit from investing in economic development because [it] will help increase the tax base for additional revenue to support, maintain, or improve local services such as roads, parks, libraries, and other community services," says Gaudry. "Job creation and expansion is always a goal, so that we can increase local employment."

Creating more tax dollars and jobs, notes Gaudry, results in greater economic stability for the whole community because it raises the overall standard of living. CEDOs also assist in providing financial and non-financial assistance to community organizations, and they do the heavy lifting when it comes to finding grants.

Gaudry says there are

never slow periods for her as a full-time CEDO. "Projects are year round," she says, adding that she works with numerous community organizations that are always up to new and exciting projects. Some of the projects she's worked on are tree planting for Main Street beautification, community greenscaping and playgrounds, needs assessment for a daycare facility, and market analysis studies for long-term business growth. The list goes on.

On the corporate side, Gaudry recognizes the importance of business retention and expansion so that local business can prosper and stay in the community. Gaudry says that 80 percent of the work of a CEDO should be assisting existing business, with 20 percent given to new business development.

"Heavily relying on one industry is risky," says Gaudry. "Look at the changes Pine Falls has experienced since Tembec withdrew from the community."

Tembec, a paper mill employing 300 workers, shut its doors after operating in Pine Falls for 84 years. It was the backbone to the area's economy. Its closure crippled the community and stands testament to the need for continual commercial growth and development.

The town of Morris is another community with a CEDO on staff.

"Attracting commercial growth is very difficult," says Morris mayor Gavin van der Linde. "As a community it is very important to focus on your strengths, otherwise you will find yourself swimming upstream. As much as we try and attract development to Morris, we focus even more on removing obstacles and creating an environment conducive to accommodating development. Our CEDO is a part of that process."

The Niverville Chamber of Commerce has been one of the driving forces behind the push for a CEDO in our community.

"[Chamber] has been anticipating for a couple of years now the hiring of a full-time EDO for the town of Niverville," says Mel Buhler, president of the Chamber. "It is disappointing that this has not been able to happen as it was one of the most recognized needs for business for the town of Niverville during the last election."

Niverville mayor Myron Dyck is a proponent of a strong business sector, recognizing that businesses create jobs which in turn bring in more people to fill those jobs. Adding residents means that businesses need to grow and expand to meet more needs. This growth will increase property values for everyone.

The mayor is reluctant, though, to assume that a full-time CEDO is necessary. "We have business owners and

residents who are doing a lot of the economic development already," he says. "Why don't we just stay out of their way and let them do what they're going to do instead of paying another salary?"

He also suggests that some groundwork needs to be laid before we can be a draw for new business. "We need land and utilities to attract business," says Dyck. He reiterates the need for infrastructure for quality water and fire suppression. Council has also put forward a proposal to annex another 80 acres of land on the southeast end of town which, if approved, would be zoned for commercial and light industry use.

"We want to make sure that Niverville has an even playing field to provide business owners the opportunity to give Niverville consideration," says Dyck.

On the upside, Mayor Dyck is excited about the town's newest staff member, Eric King. Though hired to take on council's finances, King has an economic background which could eventually lend well to performing the duties of a CEDO on a part-time basis.

With council's current partnership with the Chamber and local developers, Dyck feels that Niverville is well-positioned for further economic development.

## Main Street Water Proposal Under Fire

By Brenda Sawatzky

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In mid-January, council made public their hope to bring town water to Niverville, eventually connecting all businesses and homes to the existing water treatment plant. In an effort to promote business growth, council decided to start with the businesses and residents on Main Street up to Sixth Avenue, including a portion of Fifth Avenue South.

To take advantage of a current government grant, council recognized the need to act quickly. The grant requires that the project be complete by March 2017.

Council's initial plan effectively split the payment for the \$2 million project into three parts: the grant would cover two-thirds, the town would kick in \$100,000, and the \$600,000 balance would be footed by landowners along the phase one route.

The first public meeting on January 18 prompted a flurry of discontent among some landowners. A collection of these came together to request a better proposal, one that would distribute the costs more equitably between the town and property owners.

Council reconvened, taking a hard look at ways they might restructure the proposal without losing the deal.

"Council has repealed our borrowing bylaw," says Mayor Myron Dyck. "Thus no borrowing for the water project will be done. At this point, council will still go ahead with the project but perhaps

different in terms of scope. The town has asked engineers for costs if certain items are removed from the original plan. These numbers have been returned to council and we met this morning [March 22] to finalize an option."

A letter was sent by council to all affected property owners on March 29. The revamped proposal offers a scaled-down version of the original, including a main water line and fire hydrants which landowners will not pay for directly.

Council is further adding two options: pay nothing now, or pay the full frontage fee now. The first option means that the landowners along the route will have the advantage of fire suppression via fire hydrants, but all costs of hooking up to the main line will be borne solely by the property owner at some future date.

Option two requires that the entire frontage fee be paid upfront, in full, with no payment terms. Council has reduced the frontage fee from the original estimate, \$53.44 per frontage foot, to a more palatable \$34.80. These savings may not be available at a future date.

The proposed frontage fee will cover the costs of a curb stop as well as a one-inch line from the water main to the curb stop. Hookup from the curb stop to the building will be the owner's expense.

Landowners wishing to take advantage of option two are asked to contact the town office no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 8.



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# What Real Leadership Is All About

## Community Builders: Jeff Stott

By Clarence Braun

June 7, 2007. It was an evening I will never forget. On my return to Niverville after showing numerous houses in St. Pierre, an ambulance sped by me and then quickly turned down Provincial Road 305 in a westerly direction.

I continued on my way home and drove into Niverville that Thursday night, the day before the start of the Olde Tyme Country Fair, and the planning was in high gear. It was year twelve of this freshly imagined event and every year the excitement had continued to build. In the words of Jeff Stott, 2007 was to be the best year ever.

For those of us long-term Niverville residents, the annual community fair had lost some of its shine by 1994 and there was a sense that change was needed. We had always celebrated the fair in the second weekend of August, and a very large part was the horticultural event. You could be assured that Emily Fast and Fred Kaita, among others, were at the ready to showcase grown food, floral arrangements, and canned vegetables. This event had been well planned for years, but somehow it had lost a bit of connection to the community and the attendance was decreasing every year.

Around this time, Jeff Stott spoke with his father about introducing a change that would include a shift to the spring season. His father wasn't one to buy into this, as he had invested many years of his life to ensuring the success of the August fair. His father said, "If you have 15 people that show



Fair organizers Danielle Tkachyk, Jeff Stott, and Elaine Krahn.

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up at a meeting to support this new event, you may have a possibility of succeeding." Jeff's response was that if only 15 people showed up, he would assume the community wasn't ready for change.

Jeff decided to try, and I was one of the people he called to a meeting to discuss his proposal. About 50 people showed up, and at the end of the evening the determination was made to move forward.

The rest, as they say, is history. Jeff had a vision that the people of Niverville could capture the excitement of getting together as a community. From year one, everyone in town was wowed as they came walking towards Main Street with their lawn chairs to enjoy the soon-to-be annual street party. Jeff's father later told me that this was one of his proudest moments.

Over the years, the fair grew from 1,000 people to attracting upwards of 15,000 on a weekend. And all this from a community of 1,400 when it began in 1995.

So many people who were there from the beginning have walked together with Jeff in

seeing the Olde Tyme Country Fair become one of the finest community events in Manitoba every summer.

Thousands of hours are volunteered each year, by hundreds in the community, to make this event happen. But the fair isn't what it is today because of any goal to get bigger; it has succeeded because of a desire to get better.

But yes, on that Thursday evening of June 7, in the middle of all the fair excitement, that ambulance found its way to Jeff and Mona Stott's home. It had come for Joey, their only son, who passed away just days later.

That year, the same fair committee that had walked this journey with Jeff took charge and carried the responsibility upon their shoulders. And the community remembered and grieved for their loss.

To be part of the team that plans the fair every year is to see what real leadership is all about. It's all about serving one's community.

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The annual spring clean up will be held on April 30 and May 1. This year instead of placing items at the street for pickup, large garbage bins will be set up around Town to which residents can bring their stuff for disposal.

Several people have asked about if there will be a by-election now that a Councillor has stepped down to run in the Provincial Election. The Elections Act says that Council has a "reasonable" time in which to call a by-election. As there is a set num-

ber of days for which a candidate to campaign, and as the summer months are generally slower in terms of meetings, Council is thinking that holding the by-election in early September makes the most sense. A formal announcement in regards to the specific date will be made at a later date once again in keeping with the Elections Act. If you are thinking that running for Council might be of interest, please feel free to drop by the office and speak to our CAO or contact myself or one of the Councillors. We would gladly answer any questions or try to provide insight about what is involved with running for election, and serving in the role of a Town Councillor.

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# Local Woman Wins National Award

By Sylvia St. Cyr

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Niverville's Colleen Dyck, maker of GORP clean energy bars, has received a prestigious national award, Mompreneur of the Year. The award, created by Maria Locker, founder and CEO of Mompreneur Showcase Group, recognizes the achievements of the estimated 17,000 women and mothers across Canada who run their own businesses. Of these, 124 women were nominated this year.

The five finalists come from all over Canada, including one woman from B.C., two women from Ontario, and two women from Manitoba. Each was scored based on five different categories.

"After rigorous review from a panel of eight esteemed judges... and their in-depth seven-page essays, Colleen came out on top," says Locker of the selection process. "Her company, GORP clean energy bars, stood out among the crowd for growth and scalability, and inspiration to others."

Dyck is no stranger to winning awards, having also received honours from the Great Manitoban Food Fight and Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers. GORP has been recognized as the Manitoba Food Processors Company of the Year,



Colleen Dyck wins Mompreneur of the Year Award.

GEORGIA DYCK

as well as Get Outside Magazine's Best Sports Nutrition Food of the Year for 2015 and 2016.

Winning this award is different, though.

"When my name was called, it was like every conflicted emotion I'd ever felt about being a working mom, every memory of angst, all these feelings collided into that one moment," says Dyck. "I was extremely humbled and honoured to be the one to accept the award on behalf of all the working moms out there... [it is] a huge honour that has reaffirmed to me how important it is to support and recognize each other."

Dyck attended the ceremony in Toronto alongside her daughter, Georgia. "She saw overwhelmingly how important it is to just 'do it afraid.' That being brave isn't something you do when you are confident. Being brave is something you do when you're afraid!"

When Dyck first started making the bars, they were only meant for herself, to give her energy while training for triathlons. Friends and family tasted the bars, and soon asked her to make more. Shortly after, Dyck, who had taken entrepreneurship in college, decided to start her own company.

It took eight years just for

research and development. As of today, GORP has been in stores for more than three years.

In that small amount of time, the bars have caught on in popularity. Professional sports teams like the Jets, the Goldeyes, and the Bombers all buy GORP bars for their players. GORP is also pleased to sponsor Levi Nadlersmith, a Manitoban teen who recently competed in cross-country skiing at the Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

The company is located in Niverville and employs four full-time and fifteen to twenty part-time staff.

Sarah Hunt has worked at GORP for a year and a half. "Colleen has created this amazing culture of people," she says. "Working at GORP is healthy in all ways, fun, and you are faced with challenges that allow you to get out of your comfort zone."

"Our next goal is to explore the U.S. market," Dyck adds, pointing out that growth and innovation are keys to any successful company. "We are hoping to have our U.S. packaging ready to go by June of this year."

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## IN BRIEF

### New Teen Challenge Support Group Coming to Niverville



Ben Luc.

ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE

By Evan Braun

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Adult & Teen Challenge (ATC) has a strong record of success with its residential program, helping people recover from addiction. Since 1995, their programs have produced hundreds of graduates who have gone on to live successful, addiction-free lives.

But not everyone is able to make the required yearlong commitment. To meet this need, the organization is branching out to include community support groups. The newest of these groups is about to get underway in Niverville, run by 2012 ATC graduate Ben Luc.

Luc turned to cocaine and crystal meth at a young age. When smoking and snorting weren't enough, he started using needles. His addictions controlled his life for 12 years.

Receiving support from his community played a big part in turning his life around, and now he wants to help others find the same freedom he found.

Today Luc makes his home in Niverville with his wife Victoria and two sons.

For more information about the Niverville group, or to get help, note the contact details below.

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# Commentary

## Look on the Bright Side: Here Comes the Sun



ELAINE KRAHN

By Jan Kendall St. Cyr

Hibernation has always been my preference through the winter months. Although I do on occasion crawl out of my cave, I do so with the full knowledge that I will soon be returning to my warm bed. It's not so much that I seek this sleepy solitude, but that it seeks me. The lack of sunlight in winter often drains my energy, leaving me feeling despondent, disinterested, and somewhat depressed.

I now understand why I, along with many others, suffer from these symptoms. Research has revealed that the shorter, darker days of winter prolong the secretion of melatonin, a hormone that enables us to sleep. This hormone only converts back into the happy hormone, serotonin, when sunlight is present, which makes us feel awake and alert.

So how do we cope if heading south for some restorative rays is not in the cards? This year, I found my days brightened by a couple of friends who chose to fight against the darkness by using a little creativity and humour.

"I am solar-powered," says fellow summer enthusiast Elaine Krahn. "We just have to stay positive, which is why I post hopeful thoughts [on Facebook] during the darkest days, literally!"

This year, Elaine posted her paintings of Frosty the Snowman's slow demise as

the sun's strength increased. When at one point a bout of frigid weather threatened to prolong the deep freeze (and Frosty), Elaine "built" a bonfire near him to hasten the melting process. Along with her reports on the increasing daylight hours, this helped to lighten my mood considerably.

As did the sunnier forecasts and amusing posts of Landmark resident Brent Nellis. Brent refused to go to the dark side and instead shared his humorous obsession with shorts.

"I wear shorts from April 1 until after Halloween, sometimes even through to mid-November," he says. "[Wearing] shorts by April 1, ugly shorts for that matter, are my way of saying I've sacrificed enough by wearing heavy jackets, boots, gloves, and hats! The shorts make me happy and help me stay positive."

With only two seasons in Brent's life—winter and golf—he can't wait to don his quirky new Santa shorts and hit the links.

The creativity and humour of others annually sheds light on an often dark and dreary season, reminding me that sunny days are ahead. So I'm going to join my friends in staying positive: the sun may not be out today, but you can bet your bottom dollar it will come out again soon. Maybe even tomorrow!

## Taking Nothing for Granted

With only a few weeks to go until the provincial election, pollsters and the public watch and speculate.

By Greg Fehr

Like all things Manitoban, there is a considerable amount of uncertainty about the coming election. Just as we often don't buy a social ticket until the day of, we wait until the last minute to make electoral decisions.

Despite our eleventh-hour tendencies, we can already predict that change is coming. In these final days, our leaders are pulling out all the stops and doing their best to convince us that they have the answers to all our hopes and dreams.

Let's start with the Manitoba Liberals. What seems certain is that this election will see them move from a non-party to true party status under the leadership of Rana Bokhari. Since taking over, she has accomplished a full rebuild of the party. Starting with the executive house cleaning and policy reset, the Liberals have been strategic in focusing their limited resources on select constituencies in an effort to ensure that their support is maximized and translates into actual seat wins. If their efforts bear fruit, and if they can continue gaining First Nations support, especially in the north, they should come out with five to seven seats.

But these will generally be close races, so strategic voting could impact the results; if soft Liberals throw their support to the NDP or PCs, the Liberals could fail. And as a party without a significant financial war chest, shoring up support at the polls could prove challenging. However, while admittedly not a contender for the premier's office, Ms. Bokhari could end up holding the balance of power in a minority government situation.



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The Progressive Conservatives under Brian Pallister are in an "it's ours to lose" situation. Facing the most unpopular incumbent leader in recent history puts them in a great position. With their large financial backing, they can gain votes from Manitobans who are frustrated with a government that's been around too long.

However, the PC position is also fragile. Their struggle is to say enough to continue the vote sway in their favour, but not too much. Mr. Pallister has to deal with his Harper-shaped shadow and ensure that neither he nor any of the large-C conservatives in his masses strike fear into the heart of the more moderate populace.

They could also find themselves ahead in the polls but behind in the ballots. In polls, voters may be willing to support the more extreme corners of the political spectrum, but

they often move to a pragmatic and moderate centre when the pencil marks the X.

Barring some blunder, this should translate into a PC government, but it could potentially be a minority.

As for the NDP, imagine rats jumping from a sinking ship—though this is fair neither to the rats nor the ship. The NDP brand continues to resonate with voters, as they have successfully maintained a strong hold on the moderate centre, largely a creation of past leader Gary Doer. Greg Selinger may be famously unpopular, but the party enjoys relatively strong poll numbers. This in spite of the exodus of some long-time and well-respected candidates.

The biggest variable for Mr. Selinger is whether the voters think of him or the party when they pick up their pencils on Election Day. Strategic voting in swing ridings and the ability

to steal back Liberal support could make the difference. Ultimately, it is unlikely they will form government, but the party should be spared the decimation that often results from a grossly unpopular leader. And given the NDP's embrace of the "liberal" centre, there is a possibility of some collaboration between the NDP and Liberals on certain issues.

Yes, the polls will be interesting to watch in these final days. Nothing is certain until the ballots are counted and winners declared. Wisely, none of the parties are taking anything for granted—and perhaps that is the only certainty. Manitobans are so far sending the message that they don't want to be taken for granted. A mandate where the power is distributed rather than vested in a single party may best ensure this message is heard.

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# Sports & Recreation



The Comets celebrate their champion win.

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## The Comets Win Hanover Tache Championship

By Chantel Gadiant

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The Lorette/Île-des-Chênes Comets won the Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League championship on March 22 in Oakbank, winning the series 4-2 against the Springfield Xtreme.

The Comets entered the championship series by winning game seven of the nail-biting semifinals against the Red River Mudbugs. Less than a week later, the Comets and Xtremes were fighting to win

the championship.

The Xtremes swept the first game 4-1. The Comets, determined to win their next two home games, did just that with single-point leads.

Game four was held in Oakbank on March 18—a wild game. Afterward, spectators were heard to say that the series was more entertaining and nail-biting than anything the Jets were putting on the ice. The Comets came out on top with a final score of 4-2.

With the Comets leading the series three games to one, game five

could have ended it. On March 19, the Lorette arena was packed, the parking fuller than ever. The game turned into an intense glass-shaking, fan-screaming affair. Both teams kept it close throughout, ending regulation in a 5-5 tie. The Xtreme scored halfway through overtime to stay in the series.

The Comets came together and fought hard in game six. Maintaining a 1-0 lead into the third period, the Xtreme tied it up within seconds. But with ten minutes left in the third, the Comets scored

again. For the rest of the game, they played defensively.

As the seconds counted down, Comets fans went wild. The team poured over the bench onto the ice, gloves and helmets flying as they scrambled to reach goalie Travis Bonnefoy.

It was a well-fought series, very entertaining and intense.

This is the first championship won by the Comets since 2010. Congratulations to the team for a great season.

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#### Zumba (New Session)

Tuesdays March 29–April 26  
South End of Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Cost \$42.50 (+GST), \$10 drop-in fee.

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Mondays, March 7–April 25  
Curling Rink, 7:00 p.m.  
\$15 drop-in fee.

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# Niverville Plays Ball

By Chantel Gadiant

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Spring has sprung, and so has spring sports in Niverville. The Niverville Youth Baseball Committee has been preparing for this season ever since last year's season ended. A committed group of volunteers run the program, consisting of Ken Kwiatkowski, Rod Wolfe, Jen Morin, and Ron Hiebert.

The committee started up in 2009, after a long drought of not having any baseball in Niverville. For the first season, volunteers worked to get a shared program off the ground to cover Niverville and New Bothwell. After that year, the communities decided to split into their own programs.

"We could each support our own programs, and decided to split as our numbers had grown, and continue to grow today," says Ron Hiebert.

In particular, the girls program has been growing. Last year, there was only a girls Mini-Mites team, for ages seven to eight. This year, the girls program has two teams:

Mini-Mites and Mites (ages nine to ten).

Hiebert says, "I hope to see the girls program grow even more and reach the higher age levels."

If this strong group of girls continues to grow, they will compete in Squirrels (ages 11 to 12), Pee Wee (ages 13 to 14), Bantam (ages 15 to 16), and Midget (ages 17 to 18). Girls are currently able to play with the boys if there aren't enough girls to form their own team, or they have the option to play for a different community.

This year, the boys teams are running strong with three Grand Slam teams (ages seven to nine), two Mosquito teams (ages ten to 11), one Pee Wee team (ages 12 to 13), and one Bantam team (ages 14 to 15). The Rally Caps (ages four to six) is a co-ed program where young players learn the fundamentals of the game—throwing, running, and catching. Currently there are 40 players registered with the Rally Caps.

As the program continues to grow, so does the demand and availability of diamonds. "It's

## IN BRIEF

### Adult Slopitch Enters Third Season

The local Adult Slopitch League is entering its third season and growing every year. The initiative was started in 2014 with the goal of connecting the community through a love of baseball.

In the second year of the program, the number of teams almost doubled, from eight to 14. This year's numbers are still being tallied, but it's going to be another great year of baseball.

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good to see that Hespeler Park is being used," Hiebert says. "It's great to see children using our facilities."

For the first time, Niverville teams this season will play home games on Saturdays. The committee is also hoping to improve their training and development of coaches and players.

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# A Beautiful Day for a Hike

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Chantel and her husband hit the trails in the Whiteshell.

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With spring in the air, we all want to get outside and enjoy the freshness. From playing soccer, going for a walk, gardening, and even cutting the grass—the possibilities are endless.

Sometimes I want to get a little adventurous, get out of my comfort zone, and go be in nature, the great outdoors. There's one outdoor activity that always satisfies my craving for adventure: hiking!

I pack up the truck with water, food, my camera, backpacks, and of course my dogs, and head on out to Whiteshell Provincial Park. Many beautiful trails wind throughout the park, leading to countless lakes, and even a few small waterfalls along the way.

Off we go to one of my favourite spots: Pine Point Rapids. Pine Point is a self-guiding trail, as many trails are in the Whiteshell, with a diverse community of natural plants and animals. Pine Point has two trail options—a straight path that cuts right to the rapids, and another off-road that winds through the bush.

I feel like I'm away from the real world when I'm hiking, away from technology without a care in the world. Well, except for bears. If I see a bear, I start to care! It feels great to get into nature and not

have to worry about who's texting or emailing me.

My husband and I, of course, took the longer trail, through the bush and up over the rocks. Jumping over large puddles of standing water in the middle of the trail was the most challenging part. I was climbing the steep rocks like a mountain goat.

Near the beginning of the trail, there's a beautiful viewpoint atop a huge rock. From above the trees, you can gaze for miles. It's absolutely breathtaking. It's amazing to realize that Manitoba has such beautiful forests and lakes, and only a couple of hours from Niverville.

When we finally made it to Pine Point Rapids, the water rushed by and instantly made me calm and relaxed. We played in the rapids for a bit and then headed on to the next portion of the trail to Acorn Fall and Viburnum Falls. This trail was tight; it had lots of roots to trip on and steep dropoffs which I had to sit down to scoot over.

But once we reached Viburnum Falls, it was all worth it! I could honestly sit there all day and listen to the water rushing through the rocks.

We started our trek back to the truck as the sun headed down, woodtick-free, exhausted, and rejuvenated. I can't wait to explore more hiking trails this spring and summer, and I encourage you to do the same! Be adventurous, get outside, and have fun.

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## Grace Ducharme

Grace Ducharme is five years old has been dancing since age two. She takes ballet, jazz, tap, and creative worship at Prairie Soul Dance Company. Grace adores all styles of dance and loves spending time at the studio. Outside of dance, Grace enjoys reading, playing outside, baseball, soccer, and swimming. She loves going to Kindergarten.

On March 13, Grace received an Adjudicator's Choice honour for her ballet solo, "Little Red Riding Hood," at the Southeastern Manitoba Festival.

## Brian Pallister and the PC Team



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# Hockey Wraps Up in Niverville

By Jason Hudson

It's hard to believe that the hockey season is now done for Clipper Ice Sports. We've seen some great things come out of CIS this year. We had a record number of children play hockey, which is great to see. In total, 180 children learned not only about the game of hockey, but many important life skills.

Some of the other highlights this year include several teams making it to either the championship round or consolation final in their divisions, and Niverville hosting the Bantam Provincials.

A huge thank you goes out

to all of the players, coaches, managers, safety personnel, and parents for making this yet another successful Clippers hockey season! I would also like to extend a shout-out to the behind-the-scenes personnel who organize the ice allocations and referees. The season literally could not have gone on without them.

We are already planning for next season. In the meantime, get out there and play soccer, baseball, or whatever other summer activities you enjoy. We look forward to seeing all the returning players—and many new ones—at the rink in September.

## Looking Back at the Skating Season



Participants in this year's CanPower program.

LESLEIE BARDAL

By Elissa Leah

The Niverville Skating Club has wrapped up another great season. The 2015–2016 season was a great success as the club added some new programs.

In addition to our regular CanSkate program, we added a Pre-CanSkate program, CanPower program, and an adult program. In the future, we look forward to adding a synchro team as well.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers, our skaters who worked so hard all year, our board members, and of course the coach, Meghan Rafferty. A number of skaters

are skating in the upcoming spring competitions, and we wish them all the best.

On March, Rafferty handed out awards at the Skating Club's achievement night. Miqueala Olatundum was named the CanSkate champion and Taylor Radley won CanSkater of the year. Both skaters received a trophy and a certificate stating their achievement.

Early registration for the next season begins in June (inquire at the email below).

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# Pilots Win the Championship

By Chantel Gadiant

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The Providence University College Pilots took home double championship wins in both men's and women's volleyball.

"We had a really strong group," says men's coach Jason Peters, "and it was clear to me from the first weeks of the season that we had the talent to win, so to follow through and accomplish the championship goal was very satisfying. It is never as easy as it looks."

On the women's side, coach Scott Masterson says that his players showed the character and determination to compete until the very end.

"It was very special for me," says Masterson, adding that every one of his players stood out to him in some way. "Everyone brought something valuable to the team and I believe



Women's volleyball team in action.

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that is why we were able to be so successful this season."

Shayna Staerk and LaRae Penner were top attackers all season, and setter Sam Bridle was recognized as the top setter in the Manitoba Colleges Athletic Conference (MCAC).

A number of players stood out on the men's team, including Erik Wiebe, who was named MCAC MVP for the

season. Peters says that Wiebe has the ability to play at a high level at multiple positions. Wiebe was a league leader in many categories.

In addition, Sam Toews was named finals MVP and Hans Fehr was selected as player of the game in the championship final.

This was Peters' last season as coach, a position he's held

for 13 years. "I am going to miss so much coaching the team. I love being in the gym, watching film, and helping players find ways to improve both on and off the court. I will always miss the thrill of competition."

Peters is proud of the young men he has had the opportunity to work with over the past decade, many who have turned into husbands, fathers, and community leaders.

"I will miss it tremendously but am excited to move to the next chapter in my life and spend more time with my young family," Peters says. "I feel blessed for the time that I have had there and am excited to see where Scott Masterson is able to take the program in the future."

Masterson will take over Peters' role next year, with Kyle Guenther assuming the reins as coach of the women's team.

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# Red River Rage Golden at WRL Playoffs



The Red River Rage U12 team celebrates winning gold.

By Allison Aitken

Two of the Red River Rage ringette teams won gold in their playoff games in the Winnipeg Ringette League on March 12.

The U10 team (consisting of players in Grades Three and Four) defeated McDonald 5-4 in an exciting early morning game. Goalie Piper Trippier was recognized as player of the game, as she worked hard to keep the Rage on top. The U10s had also won gold in the Eastman playoffs a few weeks earlier.

"It was a very enjoyable year," says head coach Kerri Ginter. "I enjoyed watching the girls have fun and develop a love for the sport. We grew as a team and learned a lot along the way. The girls' new favourite colour is gold!"

The U12 team (consisting of players in Grades Five and Six) also won gold, defeating Dakota 11-4. Entering the playoffs in second place, the U12s proved to be a force to be reckoned with. The girls played their best game of the season. Player of the Game, goalie Rhyen Beady, pulled out all the stops to keep the Rage in a winning position.

U12 head coach Mel Hall felt the girls were relaxed going into the last game. "I am super proud of this team," she says. "They are a great group of girls, super easy to coach. We had a remarkable season and I am lucky to have been able to coach them."

The U14 team (consisting of players in Grades Seven and Eight) also had a great season, but unfortunately they did not medal this year.

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# Prairie Soul Dancers Take Top Honours

By Evan Braun

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A group of Niverville dancers has received top honours at this year's Southeastern Manitoba Festival in Steinbach.

"Our dancers had an absolute blast at SEMF," say Danielle Auld and Melanie Ducharme, who own and operate the Prairie Soul Dance Company.

The dance portion of the festival took place over two consecutive weekends, March 12-13 and March 19-21, at the

Steinbach Regional Secondary School Theatre.

"All of our routines received gold and gold honours," Auld and Ducharme say, pointing out that two performances received perfect scores of 100. "Two of our routines have been chosen to dance at the Highlights Evening. Grace Ducharme received an Adjudicator's Choice for her ballet solo, 'Little Red Riding Hood,' and we received the Open Category highest mark for our contemporary piece, 'Prairie

Madness,' which brought the audience to tears... the adjudicators commented that our dancers have soul!"

The Highlights Evening, on March 21, served as the grand finale to the dance portion, with performances in all dance categories—ballet, jazz, lyrical, modern, creative worship, open, tap, hip-hop, and improvisation.

The annual festival, which began in late February, runs for about three weeks and features opportunities for a wide variety

of amateur performers. In addition to performances, the festival includes workshops and competitions adjudicated by experts. The categories include choral, dance, guitar, instrumental, musical theatre, piano, speech arts, string, and vocal.

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The Junior Gardeners crew of 2015, at the Heritage Community Gardens.

ANNETTE FAST

## Junior Gardeners Program Looks Forward to Summer

By Sylvia St. Cyr

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With spring here, thoughts of planting and gardening are on the minds of those with a green thumb. What better way to gain this valuable skill of gardening than to get involved while you're young? That's where Niverville's Junior Gardening Program comes in.

Since 2008, a group of dedicated volunteers has put together this program for kids between the ages of five and 12. In addition to learning about gardening, they get to implement their knowledge with hands-on experience.

"Through the last eight years, we have had over 160 children come through the Junior Gardening Program," says volunteer Annette Fast, "giving them a taste of adventure through growing plants, examining birds, bugs, and learning about composting."

The program started with

one individual with a passion to serve his community.

"The program was initiated through Fred Kaita and his vision to have the Heritage Community Gardens become an intergenerational horticultural place alongside the Norman Wittick Memorial Rose Gardens and the Pioneer Commemorative Gardens," says Fast. "It was through Fred's goodwill to serve his community that inspired us to follow his lead and develop such a program."

Even though the program is for kids, it positively affects people of every age. "We have also strived to incorporate our seniors into the program," Fast adds. "Retired teachers, farmers, and artists, either living at the Niverville Credit Union Manor or Silver Courts, have been gracious to our junior gardeners and were readily available to impart their knowledge to them."

The location of the program

is right in the middle of Niverville's bustling business hub, the Heritage Centre. Fast says, "Considering that the daycare, the personal care facility, the wedding venue, the Southeastman Health facility, Hespeler's Cookhouse and Tavern, and soon to be the new Life Lease facility are all located here, the human traffic through our gardens is huge and all these mentioned have voiced their appreciation for them."

The life skills these children learn are invaluable, and it's something they can utilize for the rest of their lives. They also get to give back to the community by donating a portion of their produce to Niverville's Helping Hands program.

The program runs weekly from June until the second week of September.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## The Washboard Union Joins Saturday Night Fair Lineup



The Washboard Union: Chris Duncombe, David Roberts, and Aaron Grain.

THE WASHBOARD UNION

**Touted as a group that defies classification, The Washboard Union saw two singles from their 2015 E.P. *In My Bones* reach Top 40 status on the Billboard Canada Country charts.**

**By Eric Peterson**

The Saturday night mainstage lineup at the Niverville Olde Tyme Country Fair is starting to take shape with the recent announcement that B.C.'s The Washboard Union have joined the bill.

Touted as a group that defies classification, The Washboard Union saw two singles from their 2015 E.P. *In My Bones* reach Top 40 status on the Billboard Canada Country chart, and later in the year it picked up the British Columbia Country Music Association Award for Roots Canadiana of the Year.

As a band generating a ton of buzz on the Canadian country music scene, they're a perfect fit for the Niverville event, according to the fair's mainstage coordinator, Elaine Krahn.

"They're new and up and coming. They're unique," says Krahn. "We tried to get them last year, but this year we just caught them at the right time."

Krahn points out that the fair is always in search of the next big thing in Canadian country and looking to book young acts before they hit the bigtime. "We're always trying to do that. It's like a jet plane taking off. We try get them when their front wheels are off the runway but the back wheels are still on."

With the headliner still to be announced on April 27, this year's fair promises to feature another red-hot Saturday night on the mainstage. If you're new to Niverville, you might assume it's always been that way, but Krahn points out that big-time Saturday nights at the Olde Tyme Country Fair are a relatively recent phenomenon.

"Friday used to be the gong show," she says. "Saturday we had cover bands and crowds were never very big."

That all started to change in 2008 when the fair booked hot country act Doc Walker to anchor its Saturday night lineup.

Subsequent years have seen acts such as The Roadhammers, Emerson Drive, Aaron Pritchett, Tim Hicks, and Brett Kissel headline the show. Dean Brody, last seen in these parts performing on field before the Grey Cup game last November, famously took to the stage in Niverville in 2012.

"We got real lucky with Dean Brody," Krahn says. "We booked him just before his song 'Canadian Girls' kind of launched his career to a new high."

These days, the Friday night food and fireworks tend to draw in the locals while the country concert on Saturday brings in fairgoers from Winnipeg and surrounding communities.

Krahn says that in addition to revealing the Saturday mainstage headliner, the fair committee is working on a few more exciting announcements in the weeks to come. Word is that the committee is busy making plans for a new but equally impressive fireworks show.

Changes in safety laws no longer permit the traditional fireworks show alongside Main Street, which led to last year's somewhat controversial relocation of the Friday night fireworks display.

"Our hands were tied," Krahn says. "We don't like having to move away from the up close and personal show everyone loves, but it is up to us to find a solution now. Our main goal is to provide a show that fairgoers can enjoy without having to relocate or walk halfway across town, so this year's display will be designed keeping that in mind."

This year's Olde Tyme Country Fair gets underway on Friday, June 10, with The Washboard Union and others taking the stage the following night.

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#### Teen Movie Marathon: The Hunger Games

March 30 | 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Jake Epp Library, Steinbach, 3+. \$3 for pizza.

#### Luther College Choir

March 30 | 7:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Steinbach. Freewill offering.

#### Old Time Country Band

March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:00 p.m.  
Pat Porter Active Living Centre, Steinbach. \$1.

#### Old Time Dance (Small Town Limits)

April 1 | 8:00 p.m.  
Pat Porter Active Living Centre, Steinbach. \$11–\$16

#### Games Day

April 2 | 12:00–5:00 p.m.  
April 20 | 6:00–8:30 p.m.  
Jake Epp Library, Steinbach. Free.

#### Painting On The Prairies (Walking In The Rain)

April 5 | 7:00 p.m. (Intermediate Painting)  
New B's Café & Store, New Bothwell. \$35.

#### Low German Comedy "Jehaun Well Frieen"

April 8–9 | 7:30 p.m.  
Buhler Hall, Gretna. \$15.

#### Old Time Dance

April 9 | 7:30 p.m.  
St. Adolphe Community Centre, Free.

#### Girls Night Out

April 16 | 6:00–10:00 p.m.  
Niverville Heritage Centre, Niverville.

#### SE Manitoba Renewable Energy Show

April 16 | 1:00–5:00 p.m.  
Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach. \$10–15.

#### Help Send Rhea To Ecuador Fundraiser Dinner

April 16 | 5:30–9:00 p.m.  
The Frantz Inn, Steinbach. \$25.

#### Country & Western Dance (Good Ol' Boys)

April 16 | 8:00 p.m.  
Friedensfeld Community Centre, Steinbach. \$10.

#### Comedy & Music Night: Adoption Fundraiser for Matt and Sabrina Falk

April 22 | 6:30 p.m.  
Pat Porter Active Living Centre, Steinbach. \$25. (Under 18: \$15)

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## Fair Encore: Big City All Stars Return to Friday Night

By Jan Kendall St. Cyr

The Big City All Star Band will again take the stage at this year's Niverville Olde Tyme Country Fair. The band will anchor the mainstage on the fair's opening night, Friday, June 10.

The Big City All Stars are just that: "a band comprised of the most talented performers in the city [Winnipeg]," declares Niverville native and bandleader Carlin Lemon. "The band was formed in 2013, and began with a core group of musicians discussing new concepts, deciding which singers we would most like performing with us."

For large gigs, the band sometimes expands to as many 14 members. Lemon says that managing a group so large can produce some management challenges.

"Everyone is unique and brings their own flavor to the stage," he says. "My challenge is always to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each individual performer and then give them the material and put them into a position that suits them best."

Given the caliber and schedules of the talent he works with, Lemon says it is inevitable that performers will occasionally need to sub out. "Many of our musicians and singers also perform with other high-profile

acts... When schedules conflict, I'll replace that band member with another that plays with us regularly. Musicians may be chosen to play a gig based on the style of music we are required to play at an event, or because of client preferences, or just for the variety of changing things up a bit for audiences that have seen us perform multiple times!"

When the largest version of the band gets together, as it does for the Niverville Fair, it's not always possible for a full rehearsal. When this happens, Lemon runs separate rehearsals, often in different locations—which can be quite a process.

"I will prep the lyrics and send out a set list with all the music charts a week or two in advance of the show," Lemon says. "Everyone is always very professional in showing up prepared, which allows us to move through a larger number of songs very quickly, sometimes 40 to 50 songs in as little as two hours."

And yes, this means that often when you hear a song on stage, it's the first time it's been performed by the whole band together in one place.

"We love performing at the fair and hope to get everyone dancing this year!" Lemon adds.

With almost 1,300 songs in their repertoire, The Big City All Stars certainly have the bases covered.

# Small Town Saints, Big City Sound



Small Town Saints is one of Niverville's hottest new bands. The husband-and-wife team of Shaun and Sylvia St. Cyr started the duo in early November 2015 and have garnered a reputation for their unique takes on established songs.

"We do basically anything," says Sylvia. "We do country duets, we do pop... we also do some rock."

The couple has a wide range of musical backgrounds, which contributes to their ability to flow seamlessly from one genre to the next. They've covered songs from bands as wide-ranging as Avenge Seven Fold to Foo Fighters to Imagine Dragons.

"Basically everything but folk and polka music," jokes Sylvia.

The couple began singing together causally 11 years ago when they first met. "We would do duets and stuff, just for fun," says Sylvia.

Shaun's parents would get them to sing at functions and small events. Ten years went by before Shaun asked Sylvia to create the band, and she jumped on the opportunity.

Before Small Town Saints, Shaun played in a number of different bands with fellow musicians Brady Dyck,



Sylvia and Shaun St. Cyr.

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Jordan St. Cyr, and Evan St. Cyr. Past band names people may remember include Red Riot, Lady Venom, and Groundswell.

The individual members soon went their separate ways, with Brady and Jordan moving on to successful solo careers and Evan co-running a prominent music production studio in Niverville. Shaun went on to be the lead singer of popular rock band Whiskey Talks, a band he remains with to this day.

Small Town Saints has played at Hespeler's Cookhouse and Tavern in Niverville, and their regular fans have been coming out to support the new group.

"All of our fans have been amazing," says Sylvia. "Our fans are incredible, a small amazing cluster."

When asked about the biggest challenges of working with her husband, Sylvia mentions the odd creative difference. "Because he is so naturally gifted at everything musical and I am not... I will have an opinion and he will have an educated opinion, and so we sometimes clash in that and I usually just back down and say, 'Yup, you're mostly right.'"

Small Town Saints is planning a trip to Nashville this month. Shaun, an already established songwriter, will be taking a song-writing seminar.

Original songs by Small Town Saints may be in the works.

The team is keen to see where this trip to Nashville will lead. "We don't actually know what it will bring," says Sylvia. "We're just excited for new opportunities."

After their trip, Small Town Saints will be performing at the Pat Porter Active Living Centre on April 22. They were also recently tapped to play a few songs at the Niverville fair in June.

It's not often you get to follow a rising band like Small Town Saints from the very beginning, but I for one am eager to see them reach the top.

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# Pinterest and Your Wedding Budget

**By Tammy Ouellet**

Wedding Planner

Congratulations! You've just gotten engaged and your mind is a whirlwind of ideas. You head straight to your Pinterest page and create the board you've been impatiently dreaming of for months, entitled "Our Wedding." Just typing the words makes you giddy with excitement as you start scrolling through the sea of wedding eye candy. But before you go all pin-crazy, here's some advice for keeping your wedding finances in check.

Your budget is the number one, most important aspect of wedding planning. You have to decide on your wedding budget before you can begin looking at anything else. Unfortunately, Pinterest photos don't show a price tag, so before you get carried away with photos of venues, dresses, and flowers, have a good idea of your wedding budget.

What type of wedding do you want? Outdoor garden ceremony or a church ceremony? Full course meal at a grand hotel or a simple cocktail reception at a golf course? Intimate party for fifty or an extravaganza for five hundred? You, your fiancé, and your parents need to discuss the type of wedding you'd like to have and the associated costs.

Who will document your memories? Costs for photographers vary greatly.



Pinterest is full of stunning works of art from these vendors. Do a bit of research on the internet and choose a few photographers whose styles speaks to you. If they are within your budget, ask to meet with them. I always suggest meeting with more than one so that you have something to compare to. Make sure that you not only like their photos but that your personalities match and you feel comfortable with them.

And what about the dress? It's so easy for brides to get swayed in the direction of a dress that is over their

budget. When you go to the bridal salon, have an open mind. They will ask you what your budget is. Try on only the dresses that are in your price range (even if your mother brings you a dress that she thinks is perfect for you) or you run the chance of falling in love with a dress you can't afford. You'll leave either disappointed you didn't get the dress you wanted or spend more than you intended to.

Flower costs vary from season to season. If you have a tight budget, go with flowers that are in season. Specialty

blooms can cost a lot more, so keep this in mind when bringing pictures of bouquets to your florist consultation. A good florist will suggest flowers that are similar in colour and style if the ones you like are out of your budget.

Décor is another area where brides can get swayed into spending more than they have. Décor costs can range from a few hundred to tens of thousands. Keep in mind when you see a photo of décor that there are many factors to consider: linens, lighting, chairs, centrepieces, draping, etc. These costs can add up quickly.

When planning the party, you'll see many photos of food and entertainment on Pinterest. Those hors d'oeuvres, the martini bar, or that ten-piece band you're envisioning can add to the overall budget. Talk to your venue. They can recommend food that works with your budget and can refer options for music that won't break the bank.

Overall, have fun! Pinterest can be a great tool for creating the vision for your wedding day. Just go in knowing that everything comes with a price tag. Have a good plan in place when you start booking your wedding vendors.

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# Country Charm at its Best

By Brenda Sawatzky

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Evergreen Village emanates country charm in every way. Located on a beautifully manicured country lot, it is prolific with well-established trees and gardens, transporting you out of the bustle and busyness of everyday life to a more relaxed and pastoral setting.

The eight-acre property has been transformed into a wedding venue with almost endless options for ceremonies, receptions, photo-shoots, and places to chill.

The main hall is an indoor structure designed to look like a white wedding tent, though it's anchored with a solid wood framework to prevent the inclement weather hazards that regular tents are prone to. The sides of the tent can be opened, closed, or screened to keep the bugs out. Heating throughout is provided for cooler nights. A permanent hardwood dance floor and stage grace the front of the 5,000-square-foot hall. From ceremony to end of reception, all clean-up is looked after by the venue staff.

Your guests can enjoy a cobblestone patio with outdoor bar, cocktail tables, and brick fireplace.

Within a short walk sits the original homestead, dating back 100 years. The home is quaintly decorated with antiques of the era and still contains all of the original woodwork. The house is empty of residents and makes the perfect



Setting up for an outdoor ceremony at Evergreen Village.

EVERGREEN VILLAGE

spot for bridal parties and grooms-men to take pictures. The house's expansive front veranda faces into an outdoor courtyard, one of ten potential spots on the yard for your ceremony.

Catering is provided by the owner, Pete Schellenberg, who has many years of catering experience. With a vast variety of entrees, salads, sides, and desserts, no one is ever short on options or food to feed a hungry crowd. He offers eight kinds of chicken, roast beef, beef, tenderloin and more, and everything is fresh and made from

scratch.

"We put a lot of care into the serving of the food," says Schellenberg. "For example, if your meal's at 6:30, at 6:25 the chicken is coming out of the oven. It's hot and fresh, not sitting under a warmer."

The desserts, he adds, are never frozen or out of a package.

The venue includes a full bar area with bartenders provided. Because you bring in the alcohol, clients control the prices.

"At a lot of venues you have to buy your alcohol and drinks, which might be set at \$6 per drink or \$32

for a carafe of wine," says Schellenberg. "Essentially, after gratuities and taxes, [it could be] \$40 for a bottle of wine. Here, you pay your corkage and maybe \$12 for a bottle of wine and you're good to go."

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## Planning for Honeymoons and Destination Weddings

By Brenda Sawatzky

Algonquin Travel & Cruise Centre

Destination weddings are an appealing option for so many reasons. Who wouldn't want the picture-perfect backdrop of a glorious emerald ocean mixed with the sweet scents of coconut? What could be better than warm sand under your feet and a gentle ocean breeze in your hair while saying "I do"?

Many tropical resorts cater to bridal couples, offering packages to fit a variety of budgets. Basic packages include professional pictures, flowers, and ceremony décor. Bigger packages are available for more elaborate affairs. You can often choose between a beach, garden, or gazebo ceremony.

If you think a destination wedding is your style, remember to book early. Resorts are limited in the number of weddings they can cater to. Plan to book a minimum of one year in advance to secure the location you want and to give your guests plenty of time to prepare.

There are many things to consider before planning your dream wedding away from home. First, know your budget. A travel agent can give you good insight into locations and resorts that fit your funds.

Second, talk to friends and family. Be certain that the majority are on board. Make sure that your most important guests will be able to finance their way. When choosing a date, consider family or friends whose holiday times are limited, such as teachers.

If you'd prefer to leave the guests at home and save the tropical romance for you and your sweetheart, a honeymoon in the sun is a great way to get away. Cruises have become very popular options for honeymooners, giving you the advantage of a single price that covers all the amenities and numerous ports of call. Along with Cancun, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic, the Caribbean and the Bahamas also rise to the top of the list.

One final word of advice: work towards a stress-free honeymoon. Let your travel agent do the planning. With a wedding on the horizon, you've got enough to think about. After the wedding is over, you'll look forward to a dream getaway that requires no effort and allows the stress roll away with the sound of the tide.

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# Ashgrove Acres: The Best of Everything



Ashgrove Acres.

ASHGROVE ACRES

By Brenda Sawatzky

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Ashgrove Acres is not just an event centre, it's a labour of intense love. Behind this beautiful new facility is a family that's poured their hearts into making their dream come true.

The wedding industry isn't new to Kevin and Charmain Derksen, who have owned D&M Rentals, a wedding tent and event supplies company, for years. Kevin appealed to the family to further the endeavour,

leading to the birth of Ashgrove Acres in the summer of 2015.

The first wedding was booked even before the building went up and the grounds were prepared. Within a tight deadline of just two months, the family rallied hard, through blazing sun and heavy downpours, to provide an impressive wedding venue for their first guests.

After one meeting with this family, one feels their passion and dedication.

"Our whole focus from day one was to [create a centre] of rustic elegance," says Alecia Richards, co-owner and sister to Charmain. "We didn't want it to be like every other venue out there."

Every aspect of the building and grounds has been cleverly planned. Before building, the three couples who share ownership went to great lengths to visit other event centres and consult with caterers, sound people, and professionals of all stripes to build a facility that would be ideal for everyone involved in a couple's perfect day.

"We took the standard that was out there and we raised the bar," says Kevin Derksen.

The wedding centre, built on Mom and Dad's expansive country lot, has a completely enclosed building with large unobstructed windows surrounding the main hall. This allows outside light to flood in, creating an outdoorsy feeling with no exposure to the elements or annoying bugs. Massive wrought iron and crystal chandeliers hang from the light-strung ceiling, casting a romantic evening glow.

Guest comfort is also of huge importance to the owners. The building is equipped with heating and air conditioning, allowing for perfect climate control and the ability to extend the rental season. Every aspect of it is handicap accessible, including a push-button entry family washroom.

"We also wanted to cater to the women," says Charmain. Much emphasis was placed on large washrooms with plenty of stalls and an elegant sitting area for primping before and during the wedding. The parking lot, pathways, and patio are either hard-packed surfaces or cobblestone to prevent sinking heels and muddy shoes from ruining an evening.

The grounds are neatly manicured and family-friendly. Lush grass covers a wedding courtyard surrounded by enormous shade trees. A timber arbour adds to the rustic effect. Lanterns, lighted trees, and scattered antiques provide extra ambience. A red hip-roof barn lends itself well to country-style photo shoots.

Outdoor greenspace provides opportunities for lawn games and a play structure for the children. Outdoor and indoor seating is separate, minimizing downtime between the ceremony and reception.

With the family home on the same site, managers are always available throughout the event should needs arise. "We do regular walk-throughs of the event centre, checking on washrooms, cleaning up spills or whatever," says Charmain.

The event centre is located 30 minutes south of Winnipeg and enjoys highway access.

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## Morganite: The Affordable Diamond Alternative

**By Danielle Tkachyk**

Mokada Custom Jewelry Design Studio

Spring is an exciting time of year for the wedding industry, boasting the highest number of engagements—and soon-to-be brides never fail to teach us what's on trend. So what should we expect to see on ring fingers in 2016?

The answer, in short: coloured bridal jewellery. Fancy shades of diamond are a fashion favourite, especially yellow and pink. But what if you can't afford a coloured diamond for tens of thousands of dollars?

With today's colourful choices, white and coloured diamonds alike are taking a backseat to more playful gemstones, particularly morganite. This peach-pink alternative is complementary to every skin tone, and because it's a translucent gemstone it is available in the same shapes, cuts, and settings as its white diamond cousin. Known for outstanding



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clarity, the durable gem (morganite has a hardness scale of 7.5 to 8, whereas diamond is a 10) is relatively free of inclusions.

Morganite's value is determined much like a diamond's—by cut, clarity, colour, and carat weight. Another interesting characteristic of morganite is the availability of large rough, making every woman's dream of an oversized, faceted stone a reality.

No matter the setting,

morganite is certain to be a beautiful and elegant choice for any bride. And the rare gem remains affordable, as there aren't enough standard-size stones for it to be widely used in jewellery. However, it should be noted that Mokada predicts an increase in price if growing popularity continues to drive up demand.

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# Niverville Heritage Centre Takes Care of Everything



The Niverville Heritage Centre atrium.

NIVERVILLE HERITAGE CENTRE

## By Brenda Sawatzky

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"We take care of everything." That's the slogan for the Niverville Heritage Event Centre, and something they strive to live up to. From the venue to décor to catering, the Heritage Centre does it all. If you're looking for a stress-free wedding experience, this is the place to do it.

The centre employs two event planners, both capable and ready to help you create the wedding of your dreams. They also have hostesses to ensure your event runs smoothly, bartenders, professional serving staff, and experienced cooks.

With 20,000 square feet of flexible space, there are a variety of great locations here for a stunning ceremony.

"We have rustic country to modern elegance," says Jessica Cole, Heritage Centre event planner.

The ballroom is spacious and attractively decorated, with carpet throughout for comfort as well as a hardwood dance floor. Elegant chandeliers and subtle side lights can be fully controlled for just the right lighting.

Next to the ballroom, the atrium is one of the most popular spots for bridal couples to tie the knot. A high ceiling and heavy timber-frame structure makes the perfect backdrop for a simple yet elegant event. A wide wooden staircase leads down from the mezzanine, making for a captivating bridal party entrance—not to mention a perfect photo opportunity.

The Heritage Centre provides flexibility to every wedding, allowing couples the use of either or both of these venues for their ceremony and reception. They provide a wide range of décor possibilities, mixing and matching to create

the perfect look for any bride's taste. Linens are available in almost every imaginable colour. The staff takes care of all the setup and takedown, allowing couples to be free to enjoy their special day.

No matter the location of the ceremony or reception, the entire facility is equipped with the latest sound and video technology, including wireless microphone systems.

Catering options include full-course meals served to your table or dinner buffets, light buffets, and late-night snacks. Here, too, there's something to suit every pallet, including steak, prime rib, cannelloni, and glazed turkey entrees.

Full bar service is provided. With their own liquor license, they can take care of all the wines and alcoholic beverages so you don't have to.

Wedding parties can take advantage of Hespeler's

Cookhouse and Tavern, located next to the atrium, on rehearsal night. Event planners can make reservations for your group at the fully licensed restaurant to enjoy a little pre-wedding celebration.

With virtually every angle covered, "all you have to do is bring the wedding cake," says Dawn Schmidt, another Heritage Centre event planner.

The Niverville Heritage Event Centre is located in the heart of southeast Manitoba, 20 minutes south of Winnipeg. All of the proceeds from the centre's events stay within the Heritage Centre community.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## Riverside Romance: The Howden Community Centre

### By Brenda Sawatzky

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Nestled on a hill along the picturesque Red River Drive, Howden Community Centre (HCC) has a rich history. If its walls could speak, they would tell you of its near demise in the infamous flood of '97 and a community's efforts to save their beloved hall so that future generations could enjoy it too. Through massive efforts of community members and Air Canada volunteers, the hall was moved to a higher location and completely refurbished, inside and out.

Though the HCC still carries the charm of community halls of yesteryear, its décor is fresh and inviting. A large covered veranda invites you to pull up a chair and enjoy the scenic view. Once inside, you're greeted by an authentic wall-to-wall hardwood dance floor.

Ten minutes south of Winnipeg, the centre has everything you need to create a memorable event including a large cloak room, full bar, and buffet area connected to a well-equipped kitchen. The washrooms are spacious with plenty of stalls and the entire facility is handicap accessible. Strings of lights drape from the ceiling and sheer partition curtains create a romantic backdrop.

"About 75 percent of our bookings are weddings," says Bev Prystenski, HCC board member. "We've had couples pull up in horse-drawn carriages and others

use the hundred-year-old tree nearby for photo shoots."

Just minutes from the hall lies the historic Trappist Monastery ruins and the St. Norbert Provincial Heritage Park, perfect backdrops for wedding photos.

Prystenski and the board believe that couples should have the luxury of more than one day, or half-day, at the facility they rent. "We only book one wedding per weekend so that they get the full day for their wedding and the day before to set up." The rental cost includes the extra time plus bartenders and corkage fees.

"It's economically priced," Prystenski adds.

The facility is not exclusive to weddings, regularly renting their space for family gatherings, showers, graduations, and dances. "We also rent by the hour and offer discounts for long-standing members."

Ideal for any event in its quiet country setting, the Howden Community Centre is equipped with tables and padded chairs for 300 people, ample parking, and a play structure for the children. The vast main hall allows for flexibility in staging and table arrangement. Couples can bring in the caterer, colour schemes, and accent pieces of their choosing. The rental season runs all year round. Summer 2016 booking dates are still available.

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# Selecting Wines for the Wedding Day

**By Sylvia Jansen**  
Sommelier

When wedding guests raise glasses to toast the happy couple, everyone wants what is in the glass to be pleasant. We also want the wines not to break the bank. Both can be achieved without much complexity or stress.

The main goal is to ensure that wines will be good company with guests and food. Wines should neither be so expensive as to create financial stress, nor of such poor quality that no one drinks them. Both results are wasteful.

There are a few basic principles to choosing wines.

Don't get stuck on a name, brand, or grape variety. There are many good wines that over-deliver for \$12 or less. Many of these hidden gems are crowd-pleasing wines. They may hail from regions you've never heard of—which is often even better for value-to-price ratio.

Ask for advice. The only way to find hidden gems is to ask. Make sure you taste the wines that have been recommended by taking



some home in order to narrow the field. If you're not a wine drinker, ask someone who is to taste the samples.

Keep it simple, or offer variety. Selections can be a single white and red for the entire evening, or switched during the event. (For example, you could have sparkling or red/white for starters, and another pair for dinner.) There

is also no rule that you can select only one brand. Some hosts buy a variety.

Finally, have enough on hand. Really, have lots and lots. Even a bottle per guest. The half-bottle per guest rule might work fine for a dinner party, but on a wedding day, if there's a mishap with a few bottles, or guests decide on wine over other beverages, you cannot order

in. Unopened, undamaged bottles can be returned to the retailer for a full refund.

Keeping these principles in mind, the selection of wines should be as pleasant as raising a toast.

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**Across**

- 1. Heavy twill cotton
- 4. Summit
- 6. Torture
- 9. Hide used for saddlery
- 10. Corroded
- 11. Utter in a grating voice
- 15. Color
- 16. Jab
- 19. Very small
- 20. Chaps
- 21. Varieties
- 22. Legal defense
- 23. Gum
- 25. Rhymer
- 27. Allows
- 28. Existed
- 30. Tart
- 31. 200 mg (jewelry)
- 33. Wife of one's son
- 34. Roof room
- 35. Criticize
- 36. Rest on the knees

**Down**

- 1. Forsake
- 2. Made to fit into a recess
- 3. Liquefied by heat
- 4. Greenish-blue
- 5. Pulsates
- 7. Equipment
- 8. Condition requiring relief
- 12. Walkway
- 13. Large nose
- 14. Funeral fires
- 16. Sleeveless undergarments
- 17. Set apart as sacred
- 18. Farewell
- 23. Unpowered aircraft
- 24. Insert marks
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- 31. Gossip
- 32. Bloodsucking insect

Answers can be found in the Classified section on page 38.



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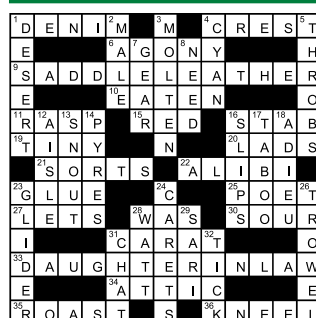
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