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# Local Golfers Raise Money for Family in Need



Joel Martens, Tyler Wiebe, Ray Dowse, Stanley Hiebert, and Collin Funk present a cheque to the Eidse family of Niverville.

#### **By Evan Braun**

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Every year, a group of area golfers raises money for important local causes through their annual Niverville Masters tournament. This summer, they chose to make a donation to the Eidse family of Niverville.

In 2007, Lyndsay and David Eidse's two-month-old son Tyrrel was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, requiring emergency brain surgery. Despite a successful outcome, Tyrel remained sick for months afterward. The doctors next diagnosed him with meningitis, leading to additional surgeries. Tyrrel required seven surgeries in his first year.

Another diagnosis came when Tyrrel was two: cerebral palsy.

Since then, the Eidses have travelled all over North America to see specialists to weigh their options. Of four possible surgeries, they ultimately decided that the one best suited to Tyrrel's situation was SPML (selective percutaneous myofascial lengthening). This minimally invasive procedure would offer the best results with the smallest amount of scar tissue. However, they had to travel to

Texas this summer and needed to raise \$30,000.

The golfers raised \$6,122 to help cover Tyrrel's medical expenses in the wake of that surgery in Texas.

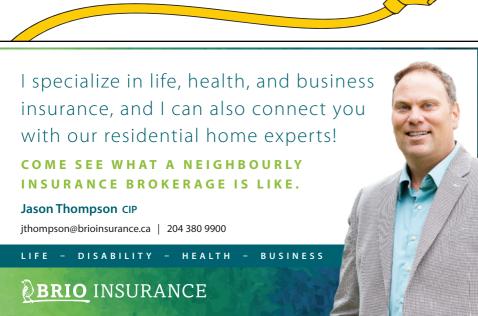
Lyndsay Eidse says her family is overwhelmed by the support. "We have lived in Niverville for nine years, and we have been so blessed by this community and their continuing care for Tyrrel's needs as they come... Because of [this] gift, we can look forward to his therapy needs being covered, which is so important after the surgery he had in Texas."

Over the last 14 years, the Masters tournament has raised over \$28,000 for local charities and families in need.

For the second year in a row, the tournament was hosted by Grand Pines Golf Course, just south of Victoria Beach, and South Beach Casino.

Collin Funk won his first green jacket at The Masters, taking top spot in the field of 40 players with a score of 88 on a windy but sunny Sunday morning. Second place, for the second consecutive year, went to Travis Mason, who was one shot back. The lownet score champion was Steve Kehler, with a score of 61 after applying handicaps.







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# Council Annexes Land for Future Development



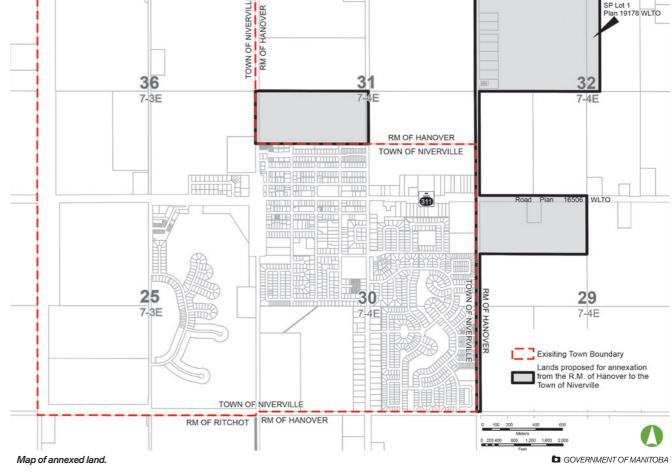
Not only is Niverville's population still growing, its boundaries are too with the recent acquisition of land from the RM of Hanover. The acquisition is intended to further council's mandate to promote and grow our business sector, which in turn helps tip the balance of residential versus commercial taxation.

Around 2004, council started working toward developing a business park, land specifically designated for commercial or industrial use with access to a main transport route. Concentrating commercial and industrial businesses in one area allows for a community to provide efficient access to those business's unique water and infrastructure needs.

Approximately ten years ago, Niverville partnered with the RM of Hanover to create a jointly owned business park called Hanville. Eight lots were created along the east side of Sixth Avenue North. The joint venture allowed the land to remain in the Hanover municipality but be jointly developed and maintained.

"We were lauded by the province at the time for being willing to work together on such a venture," says Mayor Myron Dyck.

The eight lots were sold to business owners and, eventually, queries for more lots arose. In 2014, council requested from Hanover a second phase of development. This time, Hanoverwas unwilling to comply, noting that their resources were needed for other projects. Hanover made a request to town council to exercise the shotgun clause in their agreement-a legal means for one party to buy the other party out. Town council agreed, hiring the Stephenson Group, an independent appraisal team, to valuate the land. Niverville purchased Hanover's shares for the land and renamed it the Niverville Business Park



But there was still a problem: the community was now split geographically.

"The Town of Niverville now owned 180 acres of land but in the RM of Hanover and with no connection," says Dyck. "It was an island."

Council met with the RM of Hanover once again, this time proposing the annexation of 1,100 additional acres. This proposal would have extended the boundary of Niverville to the mile road north of Third Street North, the land south of Highway 311 to Crown Valley Road, and the land east of Sixth Avenue in which the business park is located.

"[1,100 acres] may seem like a lot. However, one of the deciding points was to make the boundaries square, and also so that a mile of road would be entirely in one community," adds Dyck. "It does not make sense for the

Hanover grader to grade one half mile and turn around so that the Niverville grader can do the other half mile. It just made more sense for one RM to maintain and own an entire mile of road than to have to split the duties of who pays for the maintenance of that road."

Hanover agreed to the terms. In 2014, both parties submitted a proposal to the province for approval.

The province turned it down, with the Minister of Agriculture not willing to risk losing valuable acres of farmland within the proposed annexation area. Though council countered the argument by explaining that the land would still be designated for farm use, the Minister of Agriculture believed that once land is annexed, it becomes developable land and can no longer be considered agricultural.

Niverville and Hanover went back to the table, proposing a scaled-back version of the original plan, this time including only 340 acres in the annexation. The new proposal would see the annexation of the roadway of Sixth Avenue North, from ditch to ditch, keeping the farmland outside the boundary but connecting the business park to the community. The second annexation portion would include 80 acres to the north of Third Street North, creating the potential for future residential development there. Finally, an 80-acre parcel south of Highway 311 was included, bordering Sixth Avenue South, to be designated as highway commercial development.

RM OF RITCHOT

"Do we need this [land along the highway] today?" asks Dyck. "No, not necessarily. However, when an opportunity to annex land for future development present[ed] itself,

council decided to seize the opportunity. Currently, Niverville and Hanover share a very good relationship. That could change one day and this opportunity may never be there in the future."

Earlier this year, the province approved the new plan and the land was purchased by the Town of Niverville. Mayor Dyck says the next phase of the business park will feature lots ranging from a half-acre to four acres in size.

"Now that the annexation is a go, the Town of Niverville has to redo its development plan," says Dyck. "This is done to show the province the intent for land, both for current lands and also for annexed land."

Dyck says that the development plan will need to be completed by the end of 2016, as the annexation comes into effect on January 1, 2017.

#### THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

What do you think about the province's decision in 2014 to decline Niverville and Hanover's joint annexation proposal due to its scope, leading to the scaled-down version that has now been approved?

A-The larger annexation proposal was more forward-thinking. Now Niverville will be forced to grow in piecemeal fashion, and the industrial park is still too disconnected from the rest of the community.

**B-** The province had a good rationale for limiting the town's expansion. It's important to keep agricultural land agricultural.

**C-**Have another opinion? Tell us what you think!

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Would it have been beneficial for the federal Conservatives and provincial PCs to send representatives to Steinbach Pride?

**YES** - Since these parties support LGBT rights in their party platforms and represent the community as a whole, their presence would have made the event more inclusive.

**48%** 

 ${\bf NO}$  - All citizens, including elected officials, get to decide which causes they wish to attend and support.

52%

#### YOURCOMMENTS:

Are there any types of behaviour which you consider to be disgusting or morally wrong? If so, consider the fact that today's immorality will become tomorrow's acceptable behaviour, and the people who condone it will be demanding equality. Contrary to popular opinion, I believe some things should be considered morally wrong for all time. Publish my name and let the arrows fly! - Jason E. Dueck

An elected official represents the people and the party NOT themselves. They get PAID, they don't volunteer. The party should have sent someone in his place and he should be reminded that ALL people pay his salary... Some may say it's in his right to refuse because of religious beliefs. However, his religious beliefs do not forbid him from participation in a Pride parade, just from being gay himself. If he worked for any other employer, and he was asked to attend, he would have had no right to refuse on his personal beliefs.

I think each person has their choice on their presence on this issue. How will they feel if this is totally against their belief? We live in a free country.

Live and let live. Methinks that in the case of the Steinbach Pride parade there were MANY people on EACH side who were not giving the other side dignity and respect. Dignity and respect goes both ways.

As a straight person who fully supports what I call "human rights" for all humans regardless, I am very sad to be living in a riding that, despite the residents' opinions, have such backwards, hateful, bigoted representatives. Given what I know of Mr. Falk however, it doesn't surprise me at all that he boycotted this.

### Harvest-time Road Safety: Watch Out for Those Amber Lights

Heading into the harvest season, drivers need to be extra mindful of the heavy equipment moving along our shared roadways.

#### **By Grant Dyck**

There is a certain peace and serenity that comes with living in the country. Personally, I would commute an hour's drive of backroads before five minutes in a Winnipeg rush hour.

In this part of the world, many farmsteads have become idyllic rural homes. The roads that lead to them, and the fact that they exist, indicate the rich history of agriculture and our early settlers. For example, the grid roads provided access to fields and the homes of those who worked them. These roads also established the unit of measurement for land we still use today: one square mile is known as a Section, or 640 acres.

Many prairie communities like ours came into being because of agriculture. Back then, 90 percent of people had one degree of separation to the farm. Today, that number is below three percent. Aside from bridging the rural and urban gap in knowledge of howfood is produced, another major concern is the safety surrounding the fields themselves.

As fall approaches, and with crops being weather- and time-sensitive, it's about to become a very hectic time for farmers. One of the most concerning parts of our business is the safe movement of large equipment on public roads. In the next two months, odds are you'll see a piece of harvest equipment moving daily.



Farm equipment moving along the highway, a common sight from August to October.

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Here are some tips to help safely navigate common situations you may encounter.

1. Blinking amber lights are a warning for slow-moving or over-width vehicles. Note that the lights are not always located at the extreme width of the implement. Exercise caution when passing.

2. All tractors are equipped with beacons and hazard lights. If it looks like the Vegas strip coming toward you, odds are there are multiple units approaching. The safest course of action is often to choose a different route, or at the very least slow down.

3. If you can't see the mirrors of the operator, they can't see you. Vehicles following too closely are not seen.

4. We do our best to stay on rural roads, but often we have to cross or move along the highway for short stretches. Most farm equipment moves at a top speed of 20 miles per hour and takes a much longer distance than a car to make a

complete stop.

5. If you see a semi or tandem truck entering a highway, it could take up to a mile for them to get up to speed if they are loaded with grain. A little known fact is that if a truck operator can safely enter a roadway, allowing traffic to come to a controlled stop or safely slow down, they are within their legal rights according to the Highway Traffic Act.

6. If you approach large equipment on the backroads and you notice them stop, it means they have no more room to safely give. If the equipment is stopped and another vehicle comes into contact with it, the equipment operator is not at fault.

7. Grain carts may load up trucks on the backroads, a process which may take up to four minutes. They often cannot see behind them and will need to back up to get onto the field. One of the reasons this is done is to avoid dragging mud onto the roadways.

8. The white tanks moving around in the fall are filled with fertilizer. Due to their design and weight, they cannot be pulled at a speed greater than 40 kilometres per hour.

9. Passing too quickly on gravel is a sure way to crack a windshield or end up in a fishtail. Dirt roads are soft and often unmaintained, so often they are rutted, another common cause of front-end damage to a vehicle.

10. If you're stopped at an intersection and see oncoming farm equipment, stay behind the stop line. Semis and farm equipment require a larger radius to turn.

In short, we're heading into a two-month season during which a lot of food will be moving around the countryside. Be alert, prepare to slow down, and please share the road. The farmers in our communities are concerned for your safety as well as their own.

Let's have a safe harvest, everyone!

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# By-Election to Select Niverville Councillor

#### With the by-election coming up on September 14, it's time to meet the candidates.

Niverville's town council has had a vacancy since the provincial election in spring. The time has come to fill it.



When John Falk stepped down from his seat on Niverville's town council to run for the Manitoba Liberals in the recent provincial election, his departure created a vacancy. That vacancy will be filled through a by-election to be held on September 14. Three candidates are in the running: Nathan Dueck, Louise Billows, and John Falk, who is seeking re-election after losing his provincial contest.

"When I ran provincially, I had no choice but to step down," says Falk. "I understand the rationale as far as having to step down, but a big part of me didn't want to because I really love being on council. I love the opportunity to hopefully listen to people and make a difference in our community."

Billows is a relative newcomer to Niverville, having moved to town last October. However, she has spent her entire life in southeastern Manitoba, having grown up in St-Pierre-Jolys.

"I've seen Niverville grow from the time I was a little girl," Billows says. "I'm not from here, but my heart is in this area and I didn't choose this place just by happenstance. It's beautiful. I love it here."

Dueck also grew up just down the road—Kleefeld, in his case. He, too, has roots in this community. "My grandmother Helen Hiebert is a direct descendant of Katherina Hiebert, who would have been Niverville's first pioneer midwife and medical practitioner," says
Dueck, who moved to town in
2004.

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**JOHN FALK** 



Falk, who made the decision to try to reclaim his council seat a month ago, says that Niverville is at crossroads and needs strong and communicative leadership more than ever.

"We've got so much good stuff happening here," Falk says. "Having said that, we've also got so much more potential. I'm a big believer in partnerships. That's where I feel I can offer something. I believe I listen to people. I think the big part is listening and trying to facilitate growth, whether it's through a developer, whether it's through the business community. We need to work together, and that's where I feel my strength is: to bring that voice to council."

Falk acknowledges that council and the business community have not had an ideal working relationship in recent months. "It's not council versus the business community. It's working together arm in arm, and if we can all offer different things, that's how we're going to grow this community and make it sustainable over the next decade or two or three. We can't just continue to have residential growth and have our percentage of business growth dwindle even more."

Falk anticipates that one of the biggest challenges in the next couple of years is going to be how Niverville provides police services to its citizens. Once a town hits

5,000 residents, it becomes responsible to pick up the tab, in one way or another. When the results of the 2016 census are revealed later this year, we'll learn whether or not Niverville has crossed that threshold. It will be very close.

"They're saying it's going to be close to three-quarters of a million dollars to have our own police force or pay for RCMP," Falk says. "How do you absorb that as a community without just hammering taxes? We're already a fairly highly taxed community for the amenities that we have here. There's got to be a line there somewhere, and I think we're at that line. The first obvious thing is the business community. If we can get more business here, that actually brings in huge amounts of tax dollars.

Falk often stresses the importance of working together, no matter how simple or cliche that may sound. "We can't just build all our own little sandboxes. We've got to come together and build something massive together, but that takes putting aside our own personal agendas."

**LOUISE BILLOWS** 



Before a ten-year stint co-owning an insurance agency with her former husband, Billows had a long career working in the co-op movement, specifically in the arena of French credit unions. She served as the director general of the conseil de la corporation—which perhaps needs a little bit of explaining.

'The credit unions in

French are called caisses populaires," Billows says. "The caisses populaires of the time from 1936 until the late 2000s had a non-profit arm that was governed by the conseil de la corporation. They're the ones that started the caisse populaire movement in Manitoba." Among their core principles was that the business wasn't just about making money. "[The conseil] is part of a notfor-profit organization and it's about putting back in the community—that's a co-op principle—and it's usually through education and economic development."

As director general of the conseil, Billows worked closely with the government and sat on many different boards of directors, both national and provincial. She drafted and implemented mainly government-funded projects that were of socioeconomic benefit to communities where caisses populaires were present. "I did projects on matters for seniors, for business, and for young people. I would start projects, write them up, send them to the government for accreditation, and they would go for approval... and most of the time they said yes."

One project she is particularly proud of helped business owners take advantage of the internet and increased computerization in the 1990s. Another fulfilling project saw her helping find work placements for unemployed young people who needed to get their foot in the door.

Billows' role on the conseil also gave her the opportunity to work closely with both private businesses and different levels of government, through which she learned the importance of good communication. "Communication is at the basis of everything," she says. "And you have to be truthful in what you communicate. That's the basis of all good business. Unless

you have ulterior motives, and a person on council or with any kind of responsibility should never, never have ulterior motives. I'm strict on that one."

She believes a key concern of many Nivervillers is the lack of business options.

"People want more businesses, and they want good, clean businesses. They live in nice homes. They pay lots of taxes," Billows says. "They don't necessarily want to shop on their way back home from work."

**NATHAN DUECK** 



For the last six years, 38-yearold Dueck has been the financial service manager at Harvest Honda in Steinbach, but his successful career in the car business actually spans 18 years.

"This career has definitely geared me up for public office by teaching me amazing communication and problem-solving skills," Dueck says. "It's provided me the skillset to manage people's concerns, address them head-on, and bring those concerns to a positive outcome." He adds that he also has a strong handle on financing, which he believes has prepared him well for a role on council.

Dueck says that the number one reason he is seeking public office is transparency on council. "I have been very disappointed as a citizen with the way that the existing town council and town office handles the flow of information to citizens, business, and the media. I feel they tell us what

we need to know, not the whole story. I personally think that... the actual annual budgets, long-term economic outlooks, and true costs of capital projects are incredibly important to myself and many citizens of this town."

A second motivation for his candidacy is the needed growth of small and medium businesses. "In order to have a viable community, it always has to be growing. Business in a town gives the community a sense of being and worth. They bring in local employment, convenience, and revenue that our town can definitely use."

Dueck also suggests implementing new strategies to help market Niverville to investors and entrepreneurs.

"Lastly, it's my personal belief that an elected official is a direct representative of the people and businesses in town," Dueck says. "It would be extremely important to make sure I am meeting with people from all walks in this town and making sure their ideas, concerns, and issues are being discussed."

#### CANDIDATES FORUM AND WHERE TO VOTE

An all-candidates forum will be held in the Heritage Centre atrium on Wednesday, September 7. The forum, hosted by the Niverville Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 7:00

The polls will be open a week later, on September 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the south end meeting room at the Niverville Centennial Arena. The town would like to remind voters that they may be required to produce one piece of government-issued identification, such as a driver's license or passport, before being allowed to vote.

Advance voting will be available on September 7 at the Niverville Curling Rink, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.



# Council

I trust that everyone had an opportunity to enjoy some vacation time this summer. While Council did have time for some vacation as well there was still a lot of work that was being done. Some of the highlights include the following:

- A policy for the holding of free public events at the amphitheater on Hampton Drive was established as there have been requests from groups to use it.
- A policy for supplemental waste collection was completed as some residents have been requesting additional services.
- The province has requested all municipalities to complete a survey in regards to the current weed management policy established the former provincial government. Council is in process of drafting its formal response.
- The annexation of 340 acres of land from the RM of Hanover was finalized and will take effect January 1, 2017. 180 acres of this is the Niverville Business Park formerly known as Hanville.

These were just some of the highlights from the past month. This summer has also had its challenges. Most notably the splash pad has had some parts fail and thus has not been fully operational. The replacement parts have been ordered with repairs scheduled to be completed once received. Council and staff appreciate your patience and understanding during this process as this was an unforeseen occurrence.

Lastly myself and other members of Council and our CAO met with Minister Eileen Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs) at which time the topic of funding for the multiplex was front and center along with other infrastructure concerns such as wastewater management and PR 311 intersection developments.

If anyone has any questions about any of the items mentioned above you can email us at feedback@ whereyoubelong.ca. Council is also open and available to meet with you to listen to any suggestions and ideas you may have for us.

Privileged to serve as your mayor, *Myron Dyck* 

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#### NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Town of Niverville will be taken to elect one (1) Councillor from the following duly nominated candidates:

#### For the Office of Councillor:

- Nathan Dueck
- Louise Billows
- John Falk

#### **VOTING LOCATION**

Location for voting will be open on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the South End Meeting Room, Niverville Centennial Arena, Arena Road.

IDENTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE. A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example—driver's license or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

#### **ADVANCE VOTING**

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they may be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the Niverville Curling Rink, Arena Road and will be open on **Wednesday, September 7, 2016** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

#### **MOBILE VOTING**

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside either in a personal care home or senior facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following locations on **September 9, 2016**.

- 1. Niverville Heritage Personal Care Home 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- 2. Niverville Credit Union Manor 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

#### APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person or in writing to the Senior Election Official at Niverville Civic Offices, 86 Main Street, Box 267, Niverville Manitoba, ROA 1E0 or by fax at (204) 388-6110.

If applying in person, a voter may apply between **August 17**, **2016** and **September 9**, **2016**. A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail or fax, a voter may apply between **August 11, 2016** and **September 9, 2016**. A voter applying by mail or fax will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the Senior Election Official.

# Hespeler Park to Host Multiplex Fundraiser

By Sylvia St. Cyr & Heather Miller

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A fundraiser for the Niverville Multiplex will be hosted at Hespeler Park on September 18 from 4:00–6:30 p.m. by the picnic shelter. Live musical entertainment will include Wildflower, a local group consisting of Mel Bergen, Carisa Klassen, and Wade Kehler, as well as The Band RBB. John Falkwill serve as the evening's emcee.

Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and kites to the free concert. The event will include a 50/50 and raffle draw for a pair of second-row Winnipeg Jets tickets.

Proceeds from the barbecue will go to the multiplex fund. The Block Party Wagon will also be on site.

"Future events on the horizon will be announced that night," says Val Funk, one of the event's coordinators.

This is just the latest in a series of fundraising efforts. The committee held two successful barbecue lunches earlier in the summer, and a fourth is still to come. On Wednesday, September 7, Niverville's Block Party Wagon will be set up from 11:30-1:30 in the Son City parking lot at 233 Third Street South, across from Niverville Collegiate Institute.

Bigway Bucks are still for sale to be used for all one's grocery needs at the Niverville Bigway. They can be purchased at the Niverville Credit Union or the town office during normal business hours.

The proposed multiplex will include a new arena, a walking/running track around an indoor soccer field, basketball and badminton courts, dressing rooms, and a mezzanine with spectator seating. It will also house a playground for kids.

The town has pledged to contribute \$5 million, leaving \$11.5 million to be raised through other means.

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# Under a Harvest Moon

Every harvest, farmers go wheel-to-wheel with their greatest foes and greatest friends: Mother Nature and time.

#### **By Eric Peterson**

It's twilight on a sticky August evening five kilometres west of Niverville. As the sun dips below the treeline, Steve Schultz steers a John Deere S680 combine through a field of wheat pressed up against Provincial Road 200.

Though he's piloting the machine at only four miles an hour, make no mistake, he's racing it. Not in competition with the half-dozen other combines working this field tonight, but against a couple of far fiercer and less forgiving opponents. Schultz is going wheel-towheel with the greatest foes and greatest friends any farmer ever had: Mother Nature and time.

The former has wreaked havoc with all our summers. Hard rains have seemed to fall nightly, delaying football games and dousing campfires since school let out. And while most of us have been inconvenienced or even exasperated, for farmers, the endless wetness threatens more serious outcomes.

The latter, of course, is the ultimate unstoppable force. Time is ever rolling and never ceding. And for farmers racing to get a crop off, there's just never enough of it.

Schultz has been farming southeastern Manitoba since there was a lot more corn and a lot fewer culde-sacs growing out of the soil. For the last four years, he's been working as a combine operator for Artel Farms in the Niverville area. Behind the wheel of his iconic forest green prairie monster, he glances at an on-board computer. 81 bushels



Combines hit the field in southern Manitoba.

an acre. Not bad at all. Schultz has seen more than a few harvests and knows this one is looking pretty good considering the wet summer.

Nearby, Grant Dyck keeps tabs on the proceedings from the cab of his truck. Dyck's family owns the 14,000-acre Artel operation. Like Schultz, he's seen many harvest moons rise and he agrees that the early returns are positive.

"Overall I'm pleasantly surprised given the water," says Dyck while noting that wet ground can still make field operations difficult. "We haven't had that two-week run of warm and dry weather we usually get. Spring felt dry, but then the rain didn't stop."

Over at Apex Farms, Dustin Wiebe agrees. They've had challenges with moisture in their field just east of Niverville ever since the town blocked a key culvert in advance of the 1997 flood and then never really replaced it. Still, by the time the last days of August started winding down, they had all their barley and wheat off with plans to get to the beans in September.

"With all the rain we've had, it took so long for the wheat to dry down," says Wiebe. But overall, he's pleased with the look of this year's bounty. "We put up a whole bunch of bins two years ago. We keep putting up more bins and everything

Besides, Wiebe will take this kind of summer any year compared to one that's too dry.

"Water you can drain," notes Wiebe. "Drought, we aren't set up

For Dyck, the first priority is getting the wheat and oats harvested. "Once you get the cereals off, there's a lot less pressure," he says.

Then come the canola and soybeans, which need a certain

amount of sun, and finally the corn.

Anybody who's ever driven through the open prairie from late August through late October can see the kind of hours people like Dyck, Schultz, and Wiebe put in. They're out as soon as the dew is off the ground each morning and don't head home until the ground gets too tough to work at night. Then there's the ever-present threat of an early frost—and of course all this rain. Still, when you talk to them, their passion shines through and you get the sense they wouldn't want any other life.

A nice harvest doesn't hurt either. Besides, a little rain never hurt anybody.

"It's actually remarkable," Dyck concludes, "how well the crops have fared given the extreme amount of moisture we've had."

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#### **Communities in Bloom Awards**

#### **By Evan Braun**

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This year, Niverville once again participated in the provincial Communities in Bloom program, the goal of which is to beautify our town's streets, yards, and business.

Last year, the judges

awarded Niverville three out of five possible blooms and made a series of specific recommendations to the business community and town council. The judges felt that the development and implementation of a Main Street improvement plan would benefit the community

The 2016 Manitoba Communities in Bloom Conference and Awards will be held in Stonewall on September 10. Niverville's committee is eager to hear the results and see if the local program will succeed in improving on its 2015 score.



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# Trekking the Camino de Santiago

#### **By Brenda Sawatzky**

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The bucket list—a phrase coined to encompass all the things a person would like to do before they "kick the bucket." Most of us have a list like this, which might include big life accomplishments or smaller, more attainable dreams.

Niverville resident Brian Hildebrand has been checking a big life accomplishment off his bucket list this summer. In July, after five years of planning and dreaming, he walked 800 kilometres along the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

The Camino de Santiago directly translates as "the Way of Saint James" and encompasses many different routes from a variety of European countries, all ending at the shrine of Saint James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, in Galicia in northwestern Spain. It's believed by many that the remains of Saint James are buried here. From as far back as the ninth century, pilgrims have walked the camino as a spiritual journey.

Today, the camino is the most popular Christian pilgrimage route in the world and is recognized by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) as a World Heritage Site. More than 1,800 monuments and historic buildings line its path.

Though it had its beginnings as a spiritual trek, hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world walk the camino for different reasons. For Hildebrand, it was an opportunity to challenge his body and mind while seeing a part of Europe in a way most people never would—by foot.

Hildebrand first heard of the camino while watching the movie The Way, starring Martin Sheen. The movie tells the story of a father, estranged from his son, who travels to Spain to collect his son's cremated remains after the young man's trek ends in tragedy. Sheen's character makes a lifechanging decision to complete the journey for his son, spreading his ashes at significant spots en route to Galicia.

"Ever since [seeing the movie] I thought, 'Man, I have to do that one day," says Hildebrand. "And then it just slowly grew in me. It's a movie of pain, finding joy, redemption, and I was just captured by the story. I got caught up in the walking part, walking day after day, having the same routine, having a goal and achieving it. And having all of that time just to think. I probably read about a dozen books plus watched hours and hours of YouTube [videos about the] Camino."

Encouraged by his wife Joyce and four children, he set out for Spain for five and a half weeks with just a backpack and

Hildebrand's journey began in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in southern France, a popular location to begin the 800-kilometre trek. Here he received his credencial, or pilgrim's passport, which allows pilgrims access to inexpensive accommodations along the way. At each stop the passport is stamped, providing a record for the traveller and serving as proof at the Pilgrim's Office in



Santiago Cathedral, the destination.

Santiago. Upon presentation of the passport at the end of the journey, pilgrims receive a compostela, a certificate of completion.

Following a pilgrim's guidebook, Hildebrand mapped out his journey, which would cover the extensive route in 33 days if all went well. The plan was to awaken before dawn each morning, walk 24 to 30 kilometres (depending on the route) and arrive at an albergue (a hostel) by noon and before the midday heat.

"I brought music, but I liked the silence of it," says Hildebrand. "I often started when it was still dark, as early as five in the morning. You wouldn't really see much light in the sky till 6:30 or 7:00 so a lot of it was walking with my headlamp. When you can't see anything, your sense of hearing increases and you notice a lot of different things.

"I might have missed some views, but I didn't miss the sounds of the day waking up. Some of the forests I walked through I experienced in a different way. The trees would come into view and the bugs would be drawn to the light of the headlamp and bats would be swooping in to eat them."

Temperatures sometimes soared in the afternoons to 38 degrees Celsius. Arriving early to his albergue not only meant avoiding the heat, but having first option to the choicest beds, a shower, and a rest before exploring the township. As other international trekkers trickled in, they would often gather around long tables, sharing stories and good food.

Personal injuries, of course, were among those stories. Blisters, tendonitis, and pulled muscles were common threads.

"I had worked into my plan three extra days in case I did get injured, but I didn't need to. I was tempted to [take a rest day] many times, but if I would have stopped I would have been behind the people that I [met up with at the end of each day]. Sometimes it was just mind over matter and pushing on."

By day two, he was suffering with massive blisters on the balls of his feet. A kindly albergue owner applied dressings to his feet and instructed him in footcare and proper shoe lacing. The key, he discovered, was applying feminine hygiene napkins to the insoles of his shoes to absorb the sweat, the most common cause of blisters. These became a staple in his backpack.

Rather than journaling his

adventure, Hildebrand took daily pictures and videos, sending them home to family and friends who followed his journey as if it was their own. He regularly texted his wife on his long walks, staying in touch as best he could.

"There was several points along the way that I just wanted to quit," he says. "Why am I doing this? It's stupid, it's

Hildebrand's goal was not completely selfish, though. A Grade 4 teacher by trade in Kleefeld, he involved his students in a tangible way. Using a soapstone from a carving class he'd taught, Hildebrand introduced his students to his plan to drop the stone off at a landmark along his trek, the Cruz de Ferro. At this iron cross, the highest point along the camino, pilgrims drop a stone, attaching to it their worries and burdens. Each of Hildebrand's students was encouraged to rub the stone and leave their worries with it, eventually to be left at the iron cross.

On Hildebrand's final day, just kilometres from the end, he tripped on an embedded stone, landing hard on his chest. Though the injury wasn't serious, he entered Santiago that day a champion with bruised ribs and laboured breathing.

"I thought [I] was going to [feel] very euphoric at the end, but [I] wasn't. I don't know exactly what I expected, but when I walked into the final cathedral courtyard I thought, 'Okay, I guess that's it. I can go home now.' I was really there to see if I could do it well, and I guess I did."



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# Main Street Water Project Underway

#### **By Brenda Sawatzky**

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With construction well underway on Main Street Niverville and Fifth Avenue South, it's beginning to look a lot like any given summer day on the streets of Winnipeg. Street construction has a way of disrupting the daily flow of life, so we need to keep reminding ourselves that it's also a sign of progress.

The latest information

we have is that they are on schedule and budget," says Mayor Myron Dyck. "However, weather does play a role in their schedule."

ProStar HDD, a contractor from Steinbach, won the bid on the contract and has been hard at work digging and assembling pipes and equipment at various locations for the water mainline and curb stops required to allow businesses and a few residents to connect to the Spruce Drive water treatment plant, either now or at a future date.

Though there is no firm date set for completion, the town indicated in an earlier newsletter that an estimated wrap-up could take place in late September. In the meantime, the proposed sidewalk replacement on the south side of Main Street has been put on

"The [original] plan was to do one block each year," says Mayor Dyck of the sidewalks. "However, it did not make sense to put in a new sidewalk when some of it would be dug up by the water project. The plan for next year is to do two blocks, the one for 2016 plus the one for 2017."

The Citizen would like to remind Niverville residents to use caution when maneuvering through construction areas. Our streets are their workplace, so take it slow and give construction staff a safe environment to work in.



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### Shared Well Agreements Make Better Neighbours

#### **By Brenda Sawatzky**

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A distinctive feature of older rural neighbourhoods is the shared well. Though wells may soon become a thing of the past here, unless you live in a newer development you are likely still connected to one.

Not every lot has a well. In most circumstances, wells are shared by multiple neighbours and typically located on one property, along with a pump. That homeowner is billed for the electricity to run the pump. It is normally their responsibility to maintain the pump and collect the cost of hydro from their neighbours.

Well agreements are a common and important part of shared wells. According to Ron Janzen, lawyer at Smith Neufeld Jodoin, this kind of agreement is mostly about common sense.

"[The] risks, as I see them, of multiple homeowners sharing a single well would be similar to the risks of neighbours sharing almost anything [like] lawnmowers, fences, etc.," says Janzen.

He recommends that a formal agreement, registered at the Land Titles Office, is always a good idea. And like any agreement, it should be formalized before problems arise and while all parties are on good terms.

What are the risks of not having one? One example might be a neighbour who uses a lot of water for watering lawns, filling swimming pools, flooding backyard rinks, or filling cisterns to take to the cottage. When the cost

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of running the pump is shared by numerous neighbours, and one neighbour's water use is exceptionally high, should everyone pay?

And what happens when pump maintenance or repairs are required? How will all the parties agree on the costs of repair and whom to hire?

When looking to buy a home with a shared well, Janzen suggests that buyers should consult a lawyer before entering into the offer to purchase or make the offer subject to their lawyer's approval. Lawyers should be made aware of shared wells or well agreements in order to properly advise their clients. The buyer needs to know whose property the well is on, if the agreement is registered with the Land Titles Office, and if so, what it says. Many lending institutions require a registered well agreement as a condition of financing.

"What if the shared well agreement is a simple agreement that was scratched out between two neighbours many years ago, and never registered at the Land Titles Office?" asks Janzen. Such an informal agreement is virtually useless, he says. Should problems arise between homeowners, such an agreement is not legally binding.

When major well disputes between homeowners ensue, the homeowner with no well on his property is left with few choices. One option may be to drill his own well, a cost that could run in the \$4,000 range. Legal litigation is another option, the costs of which could easily surpass the first, in

addition to the stress and time involved with legal processes.

An informal agreement can also create problems when one homeowner decides to sell. Without a registered well agreement, a sale could fall through. In such cases, will the seller assume the legal costs on his own to provide one? Will the other homeowners contribute to the cost when they aren't benefiting from the sale?

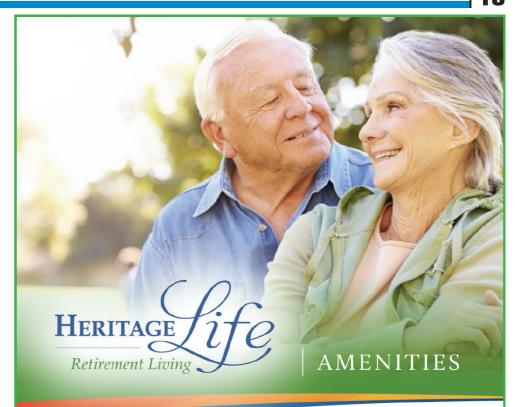
What should a registered well agreement include? Janzen says it should clearly state the location of the well, whether it's on a boundary or someone's property. It should indicate which properties require access to other properties if maintenance is required on the lines. It must clearly state which homeowner receives the electricity bill and how the costs will be shared. And finally, it should specify how the costs of maintenance and repairs will be distributed.

"Having a well agreement does not guarantee quality, quantity, or potability of water," says Janzen. "Well water should be routinely tested for potability. Pressure systems, softeners, and other treatment systems vary, and local Niverville plumbing companies are very familiar and capable of dealing with these issues. If the town eventually requires everyone to hook up to town water, perhaps eventually the importance of private well agreements will 'dry up."

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# Vision and Cooperation at the Heart of the TransCanada Centre

#### **By Brenda Sawatzky**

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Île-des-Chênes may look like a sleepy bedroom community from the outside, but from within, there are clear indications of a vibrant, thriving mini-tropolis. Tall and proud, an imposing structure stands sentinel over the village of about 1,250 (according to the 2011 census): the TransCanada Centre (TCC).

The 30,000-square-foot multiuse centre is a bold testament to the vision and cooperation a small community can muster. Inside you'll find a massive community hall and event centre, a bilingual daycare, and plenty of space for current and future business tenants.

The TCC is one part of a grander scheme spearheaded in 2009 by Roger Perron, then-Economic Development Officer of Ritchot. Mandated to stimulate economic growth, Perron sought government-funded initiatives that would couple with the community's existing needs. The most immediate concerns were an aging community hall too small for a growing township and an arena in desperate need of updated ice surfaces and pumps.

Through economic stimulus grants from the federal and provincial governments, as well as community donations, Perron was able to secure \$4.3 million in funding. Further



The banquet hall at the TransCanada Centre

stimulus came through the

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), an arm of the federal government which provides assistance to Canadian rural municipalities.

After submitting mountains of paperwork, an additional \$1.5 million was awarded to the project by the FCM on a 20-year loan at two percent interest. Twenty percent of that loan was to be donated back to the project in the form of a grant should the project be built in an environmentally sustainable way. To Perron, the cost of such a venture was more than worthwhile in terms of the kickback provided and the pride of a project that would set a high standard for the rest of Manitoba.

In early 2010, a geothermal energy field was installed, large enough to provide combined heating and air conditioning to the arena, fire hall, proposed TCC, and an emergency medical service garage built in 2015.

"No other small community in Manitoba has a district geothermal system," says Perron, "which means that you have three or more buildings being run off the same system."

The system allows the heat created in the underground lines during the arena's ice-making season to provide warmth to the TCC. It has since resulted in a 60 percent energy savings to the connected buildings.

Further to that, Perron and a team of local volunteers set out to be certified by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The TCC was built in large part with materials sourced locally and using recycled content where possible. It was designed around a philosophy of water

conservation, sustainable waste management, green housekeeping, and occupancy comfort with optimal air quality and plenty of natural light.

In 2012, upon its completion, the TCC received the national Sustainable Community award from the FCM.

Perron's pursuit of financial assistance didn't end there. For two years, he pursued the TransCanada Corporation, a natural gas pipeline company, offering them naming rights to the new building for a monetary investment. He succeeded and the pipeline company, which had established a compressor station and three main gas lines in Île-des-Chênes back during the 1950s, kicked in an additional \$150,000.

Perron and other local volunteers then approached the community's existing French and English daycares and recommended a merged bilingual daycare in the TCC. Before the government childcare grants were even in place, the TCC team equipped the 8,000-square-foot dedicated space with in-floor heat, large

windows, and a sprinkler system.
 Shortly after a site visit by

Shortly after a site visit by Ron Lemieux, who served as the NDP MLA for La Verendrye, the childcare grant was approved. The daycare now has 94 government-sponsored spaces and over 100 children in their care. The daycare has applied for additional spaces for the 40 to 50 children on their waitlist.

After extensive research indicated a lack of sizeable, affordable halls in the southeast, Perron and his volunteer team created an event centre licensed for 500 people, fully equipped with all the bells

and whistles—a commercial kitchen with two bars, a projection screen, state-of-the-art multimedia technology, a large overhead door to accommodate trade shows, and décor to suit any event.

"One of the things we looked at when building the hall is what is out there that will hold 500 people," says Perron. "We looked at it and said, 'Why be like everybody else? Let's make ourselves huge.' People, when they come here, are in awe [of] the hall. They don't expect to see that when they see the building. I wanted it to look classy, not just another place."

The event centre caters to weddings, trade shows, craft sales, and large corporate events. To ensure they don't lose their local focus, the space is also utilized by the daycare for play space during extreme winter weather, exercise classes, senior's functions, funerals, and socials. Discounted rates are offered when security and bartenders aren't required. Though the facility offers catering services, renters can bring in their own food and services if preferred.

The evidence speaks for itself. One look at this multiuse facility makes it clear that a little hard work and a whole lot of community pride can turn big dreams into reality.

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# **Council Ups Water Rates**

#### **By Brenda Sawatzky**

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Niverville's town council recently introduced a rate hike for water utility customers in The Highlands and Fifth Avenue Estates. It's the first rate hike these developments have seen since 2010. In past years, rates have climbed proportionately to the growth and improvement in water quality.

In March 2003, rates came in at \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons used, plus a \$9 quarterly service charge. Four rate increases followed over the years, including the July 2016 increase to \$10.54 per 1,000 gallons used. The quarterly service charge saw a decrease for the first time to \$7.37.

Originally, two water treatment plants were installed, a separate one for each development. The first, for Fifth Avenue Estates, was located at the north entry to Hampton Drive (the small stone building that still sits at that site). Plant operations were later relocated to the corner of Spruce Drive and Fifth Avenue as a larger plant was needed to accommodate residential growth. It has since been expanded again in anticipation of the eventual hookup of significant portions of the community.

Another treatment plant was installed at The Highlands (then known as Crow Wing) when that development began. Due to low water quality, the Crow Wing plant was decommissioned and the developer installed a water line connecting it to the Spruce Drive plant.

According to Dawn Penner, Finance and Property Tax Clerk for the Town of Niverville and responsible for water utility finances, the Highlands plant, now owned by the town, will be repurposed as a raw water irrigation system for the Highlands Park.

 $According to \\ Jim Buys, chief$ administrative officer for the Town of Niverville, the most recent water rate increase is primarily the result of new accounting rules imposed by the Public Sector Accounting Board, an arm of the provincial government that sets the standards for government accounting and financial

reporting. Beginning in 2009, these new rules required all municipalities to include amortization costs in their utility budgets. This effectively required the town to build financial reserves for future replacement and upgrading of its utility infrastructure.

Each new rate hike must be preceded by a rate study, often outsourced to consultants specializing in these services and based on data provided by the town. This is followed by an application for approval to the Public Utilities Board (PUB).

"Rate studies are a considerable amount of work," says Penner, "and staff time constraints in preparing rate periodic studies for two utilities means a long time between each study."

An updated rate study was submitted to the PUB in December 2014. This rate study included the newly imposed amortization rules. The PUB approved the new rates this April, along with additional rate increases for 2017 and 2018 for anticipated



#### **Cenotaph Gets Needed Upgrades**

#### **By Evan Braun**

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Two volunteer committees in Niverville, the Remembrance Day committee and the Communities in Bloom committee, joined forces this past spring to make some key and much-needed improvements to the cenotaph located in the cemetery on Main Street.

They removed shrubs, planted red flowers and poppy seeds, and installed a poppy garden design. Valley West donated the soil. The Remembrance Day committee also repaired and painted the stucco on the cenotaph itself.

Thanks go to the many volunteers who helped make this important project possible: Louise and Burt Hiebert,

Lora Wachtendorf, Janice Keam, Russ Hiebert, Shaun McMahon, Bruce Friesen, and Shirley Hoult.

Hoult says there is another project in the works to offer lumieres (in the form of solar lights or ever-burning candles) for placement at each gravesite in the cemetery.



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#### Community Builders: George Sawatzky

# A Life of Generosity

#### **By Clarence Braun**

As I reflect on the community of Niverville, I am so aware of the contributions made by the many people who have come to us from elsewhere. George and Deanna Sawatzky are one such couple.

George was born in Gnadenthal, Manitoba (near Winkler) and spent his high school years there and at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna. He was the second youngest of five children. After high school, he took some jobs in retail but determined to get involved in banking. With that in mind, he applied to the Lowe Farm Credit Union and Niverville Credit Union. George would have been unaware of how significant a role he would play when he accepted the job in Niverville, taking over as assistant to John Friesen.

The Niverville Credit Union began in 1949 when George Church, Hymie Bronstone, William Loeppky, Jake Loeppky, and others got together to find a cooperative way to provide fair lending in the community. By the time George arrived in 1965, the credit union's assets had grown to \$700,000. The following year, George assumed the role of general manager.

In those years, the credit union was housed in a smaller version of the same building that serves today as the Town of Niverville civic office.

Through three major expansions and the addition of more than 30 staff, we fast-forward to George's retirement in 2011, by which time the credit union's assets had reached \$300 million. Yet success is about much more than making money and ensuring a solid bottom line. Communities are forged through relationships, and George was a relational person. He loved mixing within the community and no one did it better.

Through connection in the community, he determined to do something about the shortage of seniors housing. The Niverville Credit Union owned a couple of lots on First Street North with older houses,



George Sawatzky.

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which were bulldozed to make room for a new building, Niverville Place, the first seniors home of its kind. That project won a national developmental award.

His close relationship with Norman Wittick led to the establishment of the Niverville Health Foundation. Through George's initiative, both the Niverville Health Foundation and Niverville Credit Union were significant stakeholders in building Niverville Credit Union Manor in the newly formed Niverville Heritage Centre. George, together with other community-minded individuals, was instrumental in seeing Norman Wittick's dream finally realized—a personal care home. The Niverville Health Foundation has contributed over \$600,000 to these and other community projects.

George was also active in an executive capacity with the Niverville Chamber of Commerce, the Niverville Curling Club, the Niverville Funeral Aid Society, Silver Courts Life Lease, and the construction of the Niverville Centennial Arena in 1967. He was also involved in coaching minor

hockey

When I asked George about specific highlights during his time at the Niverville Credit Union, his response surprised me. He spoke of the emigration of hundreds of Mennonites from South America in the 1970s and 80s. During this high-interest period, many new arrivals came to settle in our community. He spoke of the challenge of finding ways to help them during such a difficult time, and how much integrity and appreciation was shown as the settlers began to give back. It was Ben Sawatzky, a son of one of those immigrant families, who really kick-started the  $\bar{b}uilding\,of\,the$ Niverville Heritage Centre in early 2000 by contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Apart from his community involvement, George was asked by the Province of Manitoba to serve on the Manitoba Lotteries and Gaming Commission, the Manitoba Land Value and Appraisal Commission, and the South East Regional Health Authority.

For 20 years, George was also involved in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Steinbach, serving on the church council and as deacon and elder. He also served his church and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church on the provincial and national boards.

From the difficult years of tragically losing his friend and business partner Henry Hiebert in 1975, to the culmination of his years at the Niverville Credit Union, we have been blessed that George and Deanna chose Niverville in 1965.

George and Deanna are parents to sons Greg and Kevin and daughter Kim. As a grandparent to ten children, and great-grandparent to two, George now enjoys retirement by spending lots of time in the garden and indulging in an occasional round of golf.

George, thank you for the generous life you have demonstrated as a community builder.



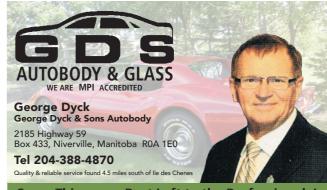
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# Local Shopper Wins Bigway Spree

**By Evan Braun** 

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Earlier this year, Wes Guenette from Niverville entered Bigway's Fresh Rewards contest, the grand prize of which was a grocery shopping spree. The contest ran across all Bigway franchises, and this year a winner was selected from every town with a Bigway store. A few weeks ago, Guenette got a call with the good news: he had won!

"It took a bit of time to coordinate when this could take place, but we finally made it happen on August 13 at 6:30 p.m.," says Guenette.

When the day of the shopping spree arrived, Bigway owner John Schmidtke reviewed the rules with Guenette. He would have 50 seconds to claim up to \$500 in groceries, with a limit of eight items per section.

"With my wife LaShawn, mom Patti, and especially my extra loud cheering daughter Calysta hyping me up, the countdown started," Guenette says. "Five, four, three, two, one... go! I grabbed some

coffee, then straight to the meat and grabbed some ribs, chicken, brisket, then off to grab some energy bars. My Calystawas loudly cheering 'Go, Dad, go!' over and over.'

By the time the final countdown began, Guenette says he could hardly believe the time was almost up. "It truly seemed like it had only been maybe 15 seconds, but it had been almost 50 already," he says, chuckling. "I then ran for some ice cream, as per my daughter's

When his time expired, Guenette

proceeded to the checkout.

"I went to the till and my total was somewhere around \$475. I have to say, it went so quick! John [Schmidtke] was awesome and I really appreciated winning this."

Guenette and his family have lived in Niverville for less than two years and have come to love the town. "It was a big transition for me being from Victoria, then Kelowna, but Niverville has been great," Guenette says.

#### **■** INBRIEF



Construction underway at the Niverville Elementary School.

#### **Elementary School Addition** Will Be Ready in October

**By Evan Braun** 

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The five-classroom expansion of the Niverville Elementary School is busily underway on Main Street Niverville, although the addition will not be complete in time for the start of the school year, Hanover School Division superintendent Randy Dueck says.

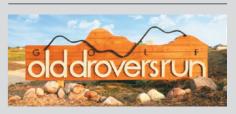
"Although it would be great to have this completed for the start of this school year," Dueck says, "the timeline, from PSFB [Public Schools Finance Board] approval to tender/ contract and construction, would not allow for this to happen. We are on an aggressive building schedule to ensure the project is completed as soon as possible."

Dueck says the new classrooms are now expected to be ready by the end of October. Hanover had originally had projected the project to be complete by the end of September.

"As with any construction project, end of completion dates are estimates," Dueck says. "Therefore revisions to the schedule are sometimes necessary at various points in the process."

In the meantime, the school will accommodate the affected classes in existing space.

'This primarily impacts four Grade 4 classes," he says. "One class will remain in the existing hut, and three other classes will use temporary space within the existing facilitythe library, music room, and multi-purpose room."



#### **Old Drovers Run to Add Two Holes**

According to Len Peters, one of the owners of Old Drovers Run and The Highlands development, two new holes will become playable at Old Drovers Run by the second week of September, bringing the total to a standard nine holes. Until now, Old Drovers Run has been operating on a temporary basis as a seven-hole course.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

www.olddroversrun.com

#### **International Visitors Tour Personal Care Home**

#### **By Jacqueline Chartrand**

On June 21, a tour of Niverville's Heritage Life Personal Care Home (PCH) was conducted for visiting Pastor Timothy Zheng (pronounced Chung) and his family, who travelled from China to learn more about seniors care in community-owned, non-profit facilities like ours. Zheng is an area pastor of about 80 congregations. His church has recently been granted a decommissioned school which they are renovating into a care facility for seniors.

China today has 150 million people over 75, and that number is expected to double to 300 million in the next 15 years. In the past, elders have been cared for by family members, but multiple factors are making that increasingly difficult, if not impossible. China's decades-long restriction of one child per family places the care of parents and grandparents on the shoulders of sole descendants. Economic conditions often demand dual incomes and many families live in high-rise apartments with no elevators, leading to mobility problems for



Angela Zheng, Ruth Zheng, Timothy Zheng, Steve Neufeld, and Gordon Daman.

**□** JESSICA COLE

As in our culture, seniors in China often want to live independently of family, and improved accessibility to food and medical care has increased people's lifespans, with the attendant medical issues, including dementia. Experts predict that only three percent will need to be institutionalized, a number that seems small but still represents nine million elders.

Churches have stepped in and opened very basic care homes, and they are looking to the West to learn

how to do this more effectively. There is very little assistance from the government. Projects such as Zheng's are carried out entirely by church labour and church funding.

Zheng's colleagues, who had visited Mennonite-run care homes, advised him to consult with Mennonite Church Canada (MCC) for examples or models of what community care can look like. Jeanette Hanson, an MCC resource worker for their China ministry, and Daniel Horne, MCC Director of Partnership Development in Western

The meeting gave PCH board chairman Gordon Daman and Heritage Centre CEO Steve Neufeld

Canada, were instrumental in

guiding Zheng to Niverville.

the opportunity to share details of the Heritage Centre model, which includes independent housing, assisted living, supportive living, and long-term care.

Regrettably, the Chinese endeavours cannot aspire to state-of-the-art equipment. Zheng was primarily interested in the basics—bathing and bathroom functionality, cleaning practices, and how laundry is done to minimize the spread of germs. He was particularly taken with the design of the dining tables that enable wheelchair access, and the smoothly rounded corners for manual feeding. Zheng acknowledges that education for staff will be the biggest challenge.

Horne says that Zheng deeply appreciated the visit and has asked the PCH board about the possibility  $of forming \, an \, ongoing \, re\bar{l}ation ship$ with them as a resource as they start their efforts.



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# Commentary

# The Cry for Change

#### **By Greg Fehr**

There exists a large disparity in this increasingly globalized world. Despite great strides in our medical, economic, and social spheres, we see the continued marginalization of populations around the globe. On a macro level, we see the gap between rich and poor nations growing, and on a micro level, the gap between rich and poor people. While leaders past and present may have accepted (or at minimum tolerated) this situation, the next generation has awakened. The social conscience of today's youth, our future leaders, is slanted towards a non-acceptance of the norm. They are driving for change.

Change. A word that can invoke both joy and sadness, construction and destruction. From a political perspective, Canada shows us many examples of this cry. A Liberal majority won on a platform of positive change. Consider the tossing of a Conservative government in Alberta, where for decades you could have run a three-legged horse for the PCs and still won.

Change. Our current paradigms of perpetual artificial wealth creation and robust social networks exist on shaky ground; the youth's social conscience exerts pressure which



South of the border, the race is on between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

creates unrest amongst the remaining population. Ultimately, the great and powerful Western democracies may not prove to be sustainable in their current form.

Change. Like a chemical reaction, once started it cannot be stopped. But we can choose whether it simply makes a mess on the lab table or blows the place up.

Our neighbours to the south find themselves in this situation as they prep for the November elections. Following a popular president, they must now choose between two candidates who are considered to be poor choices from different perspectives. Choose Hilary and it's perceived that the status quo of corporate influence, runaway spending, and ineffective non-action

will continue. Choose Donald and it

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is anyone's guess how (not if) he will blow the whole system up.

An effective commander-in-chief is required, both as Leader of the Free World and especially when the U.S. government creates a trillion dollars in new debt every 13 months. The first trillion dollars of debt took the U.S. federal government 205 years to

accumulate. Now it takes just over a year. In fact, if interest rates were to rise to a mere five percent, the cost of debt service would exceed two-thirds of all federal income tax revenue—and that's only interest.

While only a handful of us have an economics degree, it doesn't take much to realize that this Western lifestyle, touted globally as the example of success, strived towards and admired by the rest of the world, simply isn't sustainable in the long run.

Yes, we are in the twilight of the American dream, and while the sunrise tomorrow may look similar to today's, it will be a new day with new challenges and opportunities. While the mighty 49th parallel may feel like a Canadian shield, this border is but a light gray line crisscrossed with dark black lines of integrated trade and economic dependency. The problems and challenges of our American cousins are our own.

Change. It's coming. Thought it was here already? We've only seen the beginning. Like the chemical reaction bubbling over, switching to a bigger container only works for so long. Eventually the container gets too big to lift.

Hopefully the next leaders of our world are ready to let it spill and clean up the mess



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#### Look on the Bright Side: To Thine Own Self Be True

Too often we measure ourselves by other people's accomplishments. It's time to take back our lives.

#### By Jan Kendall St. Cyr

Most of us would readily agree that comparing ourselves to others is a damaging practice, yet we do it all the same. Sneaking a peek over the back fence to see what particular shade of green the neighbour's grass is has become a way to measure how we feel about ourselves.

Whether we're comparing lifestyles, physical features, Facebook pictures, tweets, paycheques, or parenting skills, we have to admit that falling into this trap has never produced a positive outcome. These externals are never a good measure of our true value.

We tend to compare the worst of ourselves with our best assumptions about others. When we allow this distorted reflection to define our lives, we're left with feelings

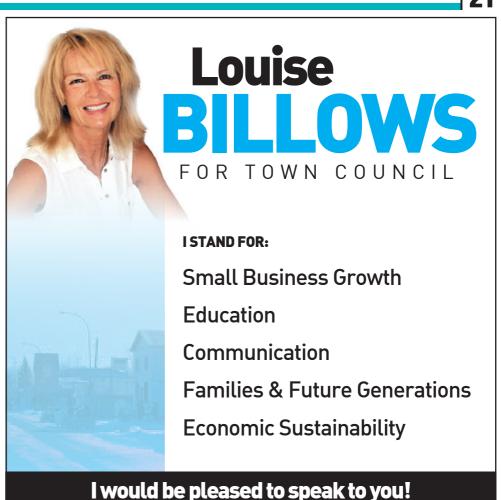
of jealousy, regret, and disappointment. Living under the unhealthy expectations of family, friends, church members, or coworkers can open a door to physical and mental illness. Whenever we strive to keep up with the Joneses, we lose our unique sense of self.

Understanding that happiness and contentment depend upon the quality of our personal thoughts and actions can be the first step toward taking back our lives. Too many people go through life without intentionality or thought, rarely finding a quiet moment to sit in meditation and reflection. When we compare, we tend to react to the people and events around us instead of responding in love and acceptance.

Our individuality is a precious gift! We are unique in looks, likes, dreams, and

desires. The goal then is to know who we are and to be good to ourselves. Learning to love ourselves ensures we can love others. Only when we lovingly accept ourselves can we honour and celebrate the differences in others instead of allowing their lives to become the measuring sticks of our own. When we honour ourselves and take responsibility for our choices, the comparison game becomes less attractive.

William Shakespeare so eloquently wrote, "To thine own self be true." Focusing on the many blessings growing in our own backyards will give us the confidence to do exactly that.





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# **Sports & Recreation**



Jane Fast and Meghan McIntyre take the Kinder Camp kids to Hespeler Park.

# Niverville's Summer Campsa Big Hit

#### **By Chantel Gadient**

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The Town of Niverville's Recreation Department has been in full swing planning summer day camps since early spring. Jane Fast, summer camp coordinator, has spent two months planning every activity, craft, and game for the eight weeks of camps.

In July and August, Fast was joined by recent graduate Meghan McIntyre as a campleader. The two staff were also joined by three volunteers—Norma Scarpetta, Jalen Sabourin, and Katie Matula—who helped photograph the camps.

"Summer camps are a way for kids to make friends, be outside, and enjoy being creative and having fun," says Fast. "As a camp leader, I feel the responsibility to get to know each and every child as an individual; they are all so unique, and it brings me so much joy to watch how each personality contributes to the group."

This year's camps ranged in age group from as early as three years old to 13 years old. Fast planned a variety of the camps, such as Creative Camp, Just Girls Camp, Kinder Camp, Hollywood Acting Camp, Amazing Race, CSI Detective Camp, and Sports Camp.

"Some of the highlights from our camps this year have been making bath bombs, playing giant water balloon squirt gun whip cream twister, making ice cream in a bag, racing around town on bikes, and getting sprayed by the fire fighters," Fast says.

McIntyre says that the best part of leading the camps is watching kids make friends and memories. "It's amazing watching the kids open up, play and bond with each other," she says. "Our goal is for everyone to have fun from the minute they get dropped off till they get picked up. At the end of every day we ask the kids their favourite

part and to rate their day with a thumbs down or a thumbs up. We have never gotten thumbs down!"

'My passion for kids is what drives me," Fast concludes. "Kids are so unique in so many ways; they surprise you with questions about things I would never think of, and their laughter can light up the room. It's so exciting to meet the kids at the beginning of the week and so hard to say goodbye at the end. It's been a joy to serve as a summer camp coordinator this year, and I have exciting aspirations for next year."

#### EVENT GUIDE

#### 8th Annual Recreation & Wellness Showcase

September 8, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Fall Community Garage Sale

September 17, all day

#### **Dog Obedience**

September 21-October 26 Wednesdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m. South End of Arena, \$105.

**Tuff-n-up Bootcamp**Wednesdays, August 29–October 5
South End of Arena, \$150 per session. Drop-in \$15.

#### **Mad Love Fitness: Interval Training**

Tuesdays, September 20-October 25 South End of Arena, \$78.75 per session. Drop-in \$15.

#### Yoga: Flow & Yin

September 14-October 26 Wednesdays, 7:00 & 8:15 p.m. Curling Rink, \$84 per class or \$131.25 for both classes.

#### **Home Alone Program** (Ages 9+)

Thursday, September 24, 6:00–8:30 p.m. Curling Rink, \$40.

#### Mommy & Baby Classes

Thursdays, September 15-December 15 South End of Arena

Tummy Time (ages 0–5 months), 9:30 a.m., \$5 drop-in. Move Baby (ages 6–12 months), 10:00 a.m., \$5 drop-in. Tiny Gym (ages 12-18 months), 10:30 a.m., \$5 drop-in. Tot Gym (ages 18 months-3 years), 11:15 a.m., \$140. Kinder Gym (ages 3–5 years), 12:15 p.m., \$140.

#### **Back to School with Essential Oils**

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. Curling Rink, \$5 per workshop.

#### Seine River Minor Ball Slo Pitch Tournament

September 16–18 Optimist Park, Île-des-Chênes www.srmb.ca

#### **Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course**

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. South End of Arena, \$50.

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I am Nathan Dueck, and have been a proud citizen of Niverville for 12 years. Together with my wife, Rachele, we are happily raising our growing daughters and dog Lucky in this great community. Rachele has been employed with, and enjoys working at the Niverville Heritage Dental Centre, for the past 2 and 1/2 years. Our girls attend both school and daycare locally, and are actively involved at Prairie Soul Dance Company. Rachele and I are very please for the terrific amenities that Niverville has to offer, for not only our children, but for many families in town.

I have been employed at Harvest Honda, in Steinbach, as Financial Service Manager for the past 6 years and have enjoyed a successful career in the automotive business for the last 18 years.

More recently, I accepted a position on the Board of Directors for The Hiebert Heritage Cemetery, located 3 miles south of Niverville. The board is comprised of the extended family of the Hiebert lineage, one of the original founding families of Niverville. I am proud of my deep-rooted and long-standing roots in this community.







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#### **Stott Named Team Captain for UC Huskies**

#### **By Evan Braun**

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21-year-old Jessie Stott is making a name for herself at the University of Connecticut, where she plays hockey for the Huskies. When Stott enters her senior year this fall, she will do so as team captain for the Division 1 school.

"Jesse is an intense competitor who brings her best effort to the rink every day," says Chris MacKenzie, head coach for the Huskies. "She is consistent in her performance level and always there to support her teammates. These attributes have earned the respect of her teammates and coaching staff."

Stott's team promotion comes after a solid 2015-16 season on



Jessie Stott.

defense for the team in which she played in all 37 games. In addition to blocking 60 shots over the course of the season, Stott also contributed six points, including one goal and five assists.

**□** JESSIE STOTT

"I don't remember a time in my life where I haven't been playing hockey. When I go out on the ice, it's a stress release to be honest," Stott says. "It's been such a positive influence in my life and I've created so many relationships with so many amazing people I would have never met without it. Hockey is my life."

Last year, the Huskies finished fourth in the league. It was the team's second season in a row advancing to the semifinals.

Stott started playing hockey at age four and was part of the Clipper Ice Sports program until her PeeWee year, when she moved to the St. Adolphe minor hockey girls program. In Grade 11, she switched schools and played for Balmoral Hall in Winnipeg. In Grade 12, she was part of the inaugural Titans Prep program, then running out of Shaftesbury High School, and was a member of Team Manitoba at the U18 national championships. They won a silver medal.

#### **INBRIEF**

#### **Fast Signed by CMU Blazers**

#### **By Evan Braun**

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Kyla Fast, who graduated from Niverville Collegiate last spring, has been signed to the Canadian Mennonite University's women's volleyball team, the Blazers.

"I am excited that Kyla has accepted a position on our team," said head coach Evelyn Kampen. "She demonstrated strong athleticism at our ID camps in the spring. Kyla fits well with our program and I look forward to seeing her contributions both as a setter and

Fast helped the Panthers place fourth in the Manitoba High School "AA" Girls provincials last season. She was selected as a Volleyball Manitoba graduating all-star.

Earlier this year, Fast also played for Providence University College's U18 girls team. The team placed fourth at Manitoba provincials, and then fourth again at the national championship in Edmonton.

The Blazers will kick off their preseason in Otterburne at the Providence Invitational.

# **Out-of-Town Football Clubs** Draw Niverville Players

#### For Nivervillers, playing football is a 30-minute drive away.

By Sylvia St. Cyr

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Niverville offers many sports for active kids, such as soccer, baseball, and hockey. Parents who want to get their kids into football, however, have to look out of town. They can play for Steinbach's team, the Eastman Raiders, or the St. Vital Mus-

St. Vital and Steinbach are approximately the same distance from Niverville, a 30-minute drive. Both organizations also provide all the equipment needed to play football, with the exception of cleats.

Unlike soccer, baseball, or hockey, football has a unique season which runs from July until the end of October, although games

only start in August.

The Eastman Raiders have been in operation for 26 years. "Teams practice two to three times a week," says club president Sean Walsh. "This year we have nine players spread throughout all age levels that come from Niverville.

The youngest son of Greg Fehr, Niverville's former mayor, plays Raider football. "We've had three boys in the Eastman Raiders football club over the years," Fehr says. "The Raiders seemed more kid-centric and not as ultracompetitive. The kids also had a lot of their friends on the Eastman

The St. Vital Mustangs football club has existed for 68 years. According to Dan Fontaine, the

club's vice president, "Currently I would have given it another year we have five players who reside in Niverville. We would love to see this number grow! In the late 1980s and early 90s, the St. Vital Mustangs fielded four teams across four different age groups. This season the football club has twelve teams taking part in the football community."

Both organizations typically have eight regular season games, plus playoffs and some exhibition. The cost to enter your kids ranges from 200-320 for the season.

"I only played for one year when I was twelve," says Joel Braun, who grew up in Niverville but played for the Mustangs. "I enjoyed it, though a lot of the guys on the team had played together for a few years already. Ultimately, I think that if

or played in a year where I was one of the older players, I would've enjoyed it more and possibly kept

The age to start playing hockey or soccer is typically around three or four, while the age to start playing football is around seven.

'While football has garnered a lot of media attention over the past years in relation to concussions, it is a very safe sport to play," adds Fontaine. "In youth competition, soccer, hockey, and baseball all have higher concussion rates than football.

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#### First Hole-in-One at **Old Drovers Run**

The first hole-in-one happened last week at Old Drovers Run in Niverville. Local golfer Brian Chornoboy hit an ace with his 9-iron on the third hole, a 161-yard par three.

This was not his first hole-in-one, as Chornoboy hit his first ace two years ago at Quarry Oaks on Oak 8.



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# ATHLETE OF MONTH



#### Mason Funk

Mason Funk, 10, loves football. He's playing his third year for the Eastman Raiders. He plays on the defensive line and loves a good quarterback sack. Mason dreams of playing for the Bisons and the Bombers one day. Go, Raiders, go!

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# The Sights and Sounds of Autumn

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#### **By Chantel Gadient**

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As we wind down from our busy summers and head into September, we often get distracted with staying at home, doing yard work, and taking breaks from getting away. But wait! September is still beautiful and warm, so why not go camping?

The days are beautiful, and camping doesn't have to be all about swimming. Many of Manitoba's provincial parks have an abundance of trails for hiking and biking. Another option may be taking a canoe trip. As the evenings

creep in, you can enjoy the campground with fires and toasted marshmallows.

Nights might be chillier, but that just means you should wear your flannel PJs and pack an extra sleeping bag. Or even better, cuddle close with your family.

Now, take a deep breath and picture yourself in the quiet campground, breathing in the crisp, clean air, and experiencing all the colours of a Manitoba autumn. The birds are singing, the crickets are chirping, and the bald eagles are flying high in the sky. You're taking a walk down a trail to Sturgeon

Falls at Nutimuk Lake, across the red bridge that runs over the Whiteshell River, then up and down the trail until you hear the falls themselves. It's a beautiful sound on a peaceful autumn afternoon in the Whiteshell. Just thinking about it relaxes me! Who wouldn't want to experience those beautiful sights and sounds firsthand?

I have many fond memories of camping every weekend until my birthday, which usually lands on Thanksgiving weekend. While camping in a seasonal site with our trailer, we often made barbeque beer can chicken in place of turkey.

Last year, Thanksgiving and my birthday were magical. The weekend was beautiful and warm, and we were running around in shorts and t-shirts, playing horseshoes and boating. My crazy brothers even went wakeboarding—in October.

Ilove relaxing at the lake, curling up with a good book and hot chocolate in the evenings, and toasting marshmallows over an open fire.

Why not try something new this fall and go camping for the weekend, or take a daytrip to one of many great hiking trails. Who can resist autumn? It's my favourite season.



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# Eastman Boys Win Soccer Gold

#### **By Evan Braun** & Susan Thompson

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At this year's Manitoba Summer Games, the Eastman boys won all three of their matches against Parkland, Winnipeg Gold, and Central. None of their opponents managed to score a single goal against Eastman in tournament play.

Eastman went head to head against Westman in the final. With 15 minutes left in the game, Westman opened the scoring. Eastman tied it up with less than a minute of play remaining, forcing two seven and a half-minute overtime

periods. After overtime, the game was tied 2-2.

Sport Manitoba predicted there were almost 1,000 fans watching as the teams chose players to participate in a shootout. Three Niverville boys took shots, all scoring, along with a shootout goal from a fourth player. Eastman won gold with a final shootout score of 4-3.

Eastman will hold the gold title until the next Manitoba Summer Games in 2020.

The Eastman girls also won gold in soccer, though no players represented Niverville on



Top row (I–r): Casey Cameron (assistant coach), Ryker Friesen, Colten Auch, Logan Kraus, Evan Leeson, Carson Chetyrbok, Deklan Wiebe, Nick Molinski, Elijah Pastoor, Brendan Thompson, Ethan Fehr, Keegen Law, Walt McKee (head coach), and Karen Cameron (manager). Bottom row: Mason Cameron, Sam Fuss, Connor Davis, Kian Minnaar, and Jarvis Ewasko.

### **Niverville Hosts Annual** Recreation & Wellness Showcase

#### **By Chantel Gadient**

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For the past eight years, the Niverville Recreation Commission has hosted the annual Recreation & Wellness Showcase to highlight all the recreation and sport opportunities in Niverville—and to get people talking with local health professionals and getting to know their neighbours. This year's showcase will take place on September 8 at the Heritage Centre from 5:00–8:00 p.m.

The showcase will include 27 different booths ranging from hockey, ringette, and skating to Canadian Blood



This Little Light Artistry's booth at the 2015 showcase.

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Youth & Family Counselling. In addition to learning about our town's many programs, the showcase is also a great

Services and Turning Point opportunity to register. Niverville Recreation has 22 different programs coming this fall, geared for children and adults.

New this year is an evening

of demonstrations by local artists and Niverville Recreation instructors. All demonstrations will be held in the atrium, and seating will be provided.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

www.nivervillerecreation.com

#### Demonstration Schedule

5:45 p.m. Essential Oils 6:00 p.m. Prairie Soul Dance Co. 6:45 p.m. Niverville Taekwondo 7:00 p.m. This Little Light Artistry 7:30 p.m. Mad Love Fitness



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# The Show Must Go On

#### Many players will be absent from training camp to compete in World Cup.

#### **By Lorelei Leona**

The Winnipeg Jets will have more spaces available during the team's training camp in September, as seven players will be participating in the World Cup of Hockey that runs during the same time. The players aren't the only ones who will be absent from camp, with head coach Paul Maurice joining the coaching staff for Team Europe.

There is speculation among some fans as to how this will affect the development of the rookie players, as well as the team's ability to iron out kinks in the preseason.

national tournament, set to run from September 17–October 1 at Toronto's Air Canada Centre, starts a mere three days before the Jets training camp starts in Winnipeg and ends three games into the preseason.

There's no doubt that Blake Wheeler and Dustin Byfuglien will be playing for Team USA, having just been ranked 42nd and 45th respectively in the NHL Network's first-ever Top 50 Players Right Now series. Adding to the list of veterans missing from camp are Mark Scheifele (centre), Jacob Trouba (defence), and Conner Hellebuyck (goalie), who

The eight-team inter- will be suiting up for North America, the tournament's U24 team. Michael Hutchinson, the Jets' backup goaltender for the last two seasons, will be the only NHL-experienced goalie left at training camp. Starter Ondrej Pavelic will be playing in the tournament for the Czech Republic.

The impact of these absences goes beyond what they do on the ice; their leadership, too, will likely be missed. While Maurice will have the opportunity to watch his players perform on a bigger stage, he'll be notably absent while a handful of young players are vying for spots on the Jets roster. Hoping to get a spot alongside the likes of Byfuglien and company, it's possible the rookies will only get an opportunity to play with them halfway into the preseason.

There's been much talk this offseason about Wheeler's growth and leadership, as well as his likelihood of being named captain, a space that has been vacant since Andrew Ladd's departure before the 2015 trade deadline. In an interview for NHL.com, Wheeler said, "Regardless of what letter I have on my jersey, my role on the team and who I am with the team is not going to change." In training camp,

where young guys compete for spots, that attitude from a veteran player may be something they never get to experience.

Competing for his own spot beside Wheeler, newly drafted left-winger Patrik Laine will be competing for Finland in the World Cup. Already missing the Jets prospect camp earlier this year, the young shot will miss his first-ever NHL training camp. Having spent most of the summer rehabbing from minor surgery, it will be interesting to watch what he can do on the world stage. All eyes will be on Laine as he competes with and takes on the highest-calibre players during the tournament.

The Jets aren't the only teams in this situation, with every NHL team losing at least one top player. Only six teams are sending more players than the Jets, with the Blackhawks topping the list with 12.

All might not be lost. If Team USA is defeated before their anticipated exit, the Jets could see the early return of Byfuglien and Wheeler, giving them a chance to step into that leadership role and participate in more preseason games.

As Jets fans, and Canadians, one can only hope.

# **Beat-the-Clock Dinners**

#### **By Susan Watson**

Nutrition Consultant

Getting back into the swing of things in the fall can have its challenges. Learning how to plan and prepare healthy meals that are fast and easy can help end mealtime chaos. Here are four tips to get dinner on the table faster, without having to spend hours in the kitchen.

1. Make a meal plan. Create a master list of recipes you and your family enjoy. Choose three or four recipes per week and stock your house with all the ingredients you'll need for the week.

2. Prepare meals in batches. Make extra servings for later in the week, or freeze and reheat them for use on busy weeknights. For example, make two lasagne dishes and save one for

3. Plan to use leftovers.



Think beyond your next meal by planning how to cook extra food. For example, you can reinvent a recipe for chicken tacos as chicken quesadillas,

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or a southwest chicken salad. 4. Use pre-cooked meal components. Work smarter, not harder, and stock your freezer with packages of

pre-cooked rice, pasta, and quinoa. You can even precook meats like ground beef, chicken, and pork.

For example, you can make a lot of meals from pre-cooked chicken breasts, like chicken quesadillas, chicken salad sandwiches or wraps, chicken pasta casserole, barbecue chicken pita pizza, chicken pasta alfredo, and chicken noodle soup. Beef pot roast can be transformed into beef fajitas, barbecue beef sandwiches, steak salads, beef enchiladas, beef and vegetable stews, and shepherd's pie. With ground beef or turkey, you can prepare lasagne, spaghetti, beef stroganoff, taco salad, chili mac and cheese, and sloppy Joes.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

www.alittlenutrition.com

#### **Cashew Chicken Recipe**

Try this quick and easy (and healthy) recipe for cashew chicken. The recipe makes six one-cup servings and comes together in ten minutes if you've prepared the ingredients

- 4 six-ounce raw chicken breasts, cubed
- 3 cups of bell peppers, any colour, sliced
- 2 cups of celery, raw, chopped
- 1 large onion, large, diced
- 1 tbsp. of olive oil
  1 cup of cashews
- Cooked brown rice 2 cups of chicken broth (low sodium)
  3 tbsp. of soy sauce (low sodium)
- 1 tbsp. of honey
- 2 tsp. of ginger root, raw (minced, paste, or powder)
- 1 tsp. of sesame oil
- 3 tbsp. of corn starch
- 1/2 tbsp. of rice wine vinegar

Add olive oil to a frying pan. Heat to medium high. Sauté onions and chicken in a frying pan first, then add vegetables. For the sauce, add chicken broth, honey, soy sauce, sesame

oil, rice wine vinegar, and ginger root in a large measuring cup, and whisk in the corn starch. Once the vegetables are tender, add the sauce to the frying pan. Once the sauce has thickened (about two minutes), stir in the cashews. Serve this dish with cooked brown rice, quinoa, or whole grain pasta.

Time-saver tip: cut up veggies and make the sauce the night before and store it in the fridge. Store leftover cooked brown rice in the freezer or fridge. Pack up leftovers and take it to work for lunch.



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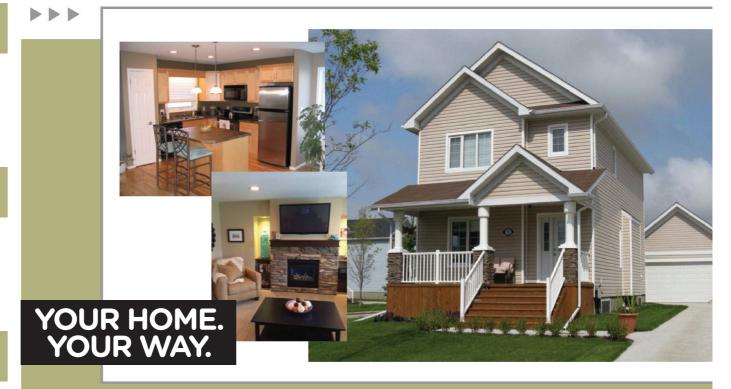
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# Arts & Entertainment



The mainstage from last year's Heaps of Dreeps fundraiser.

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# Heaps of Dreeps Returns for Third Year

#### By Sylvia St.Cyr

In 2013, 28-year-old Drew Cook passed away suddenly of a heart condition that he didn't know he had. A year later, his widow, Ashley Humphrey, decided to host a fundraiser in his memory called Heaps of Dreeps.

"We wanted to do something in memory of him and thought, what better way to do it than to have a huge summer end party, all

the while raising money for a great cause?" Humphrey says. "It also raises awareness of heart disease [to] maybe prevent this from happening to someone else."

This year's event will be the third Heaps of Dreeps fundraiser and will be held on September 10. The event runs from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. Children are free and allowed until 6:00 p.m. There will be games, a bouncy castle, and face-painting

The event features live music,

with musical talent playing on stage from start to finish. There will be acoustic acts including Eddy Von Riesen, Gerry St. Cyr, Elliot Kyle, and Shaun St.Cyr. Rock acts like Whiskey Talks, Those Liabilities, and Lounge FM will also play sets. Jordan St. Cyr will perform roots/ folk music, and Brady Kenneth will play country. The night will end with some funk, played by Joe Ashwell and Evan St. Cyr, followed by a deejay.

This year's entrance fee is \$20 for

adults, and there will also be a 50/50 draw. The first year raised \$7,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and the second year pushed that number up to \$12,000. This year, organizers are hoping for an even better overall contribution.

Heaps of Dreeps will be held at 23022 Prefontaine Road, just two miles off Highway 59. Food trucks will be on site and the night will end with a fireworks display.

#### **EVENT GUIDE**

#### The City Harmonic Concert

September 2 | 7:30 p.m.
Providence University College, Otterburne. Free.

**Worship on the Water** September 4 | 1:30-4:00 p.m. Hampton Amphitheatre, Niverville. Free.

#### Painting on the Prairies

September 7 | 7:00 p.m. Slice of Life, Niverville. \$35.

#### **Heaps of Dreeps Fundraiser** September 10 | 1:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m.

23022 Prefontaine Rd. \$20/adult, kids are free.

#### Sky's the Limit (Multiplex Fundraiser)

September 18 | 4:00-6:30 p.m. Hespeler Park, Niverville. Free.

#### Painting on the Prairies

September 20 | 7:00 p.m. Hespeler's Cookhouse and Tavern, Niverville. \$35.

#### **Imagine Run/Walk**

Hespeler Park, Niverville. Free.

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# Imagine Run/Walk Entertainment Line-up

In addition to the five-kilometre run/walk at this year's annual Imagine Run at Hespeler Park in Niverville, the Imagine team has organized a full day of entertainment geared for the whole family.

Note that the five-kilometre run/walk will loop around the park instead of threading through the town as in previous years. The line-up for the event is as follows:

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

www.imaginementalhealth.com

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

3:00 - Registration opens

3:00 - Wynford Sound

3:30 - Al Andrusco

4:00 - Prairie Soul & Dance

4:30 - Puff & Dedee kids show ("Anti-Bullying")

5:00 - Opening remarks (national anthem by Mel Bergen)

5 km - FAMILY WALK

5:15 - Wildflower

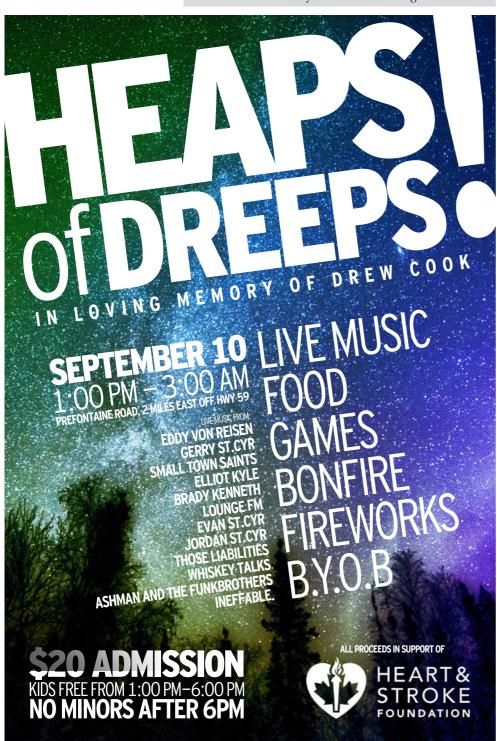
5:45 - Big Daddy Tazz

6:00 - The UpSide

6:45 - Big Daddy Tazz

7:15 - The UpSide

8:00 - Fire show with Pyro Pedro & Brett Hogan





**Niverville by-election** Candidates' forum Sept. 7, 2016

#### Chamber to host candidates' forum

A candidates' forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Centre on Wednesday, September 7. Each candidate will be asked a set of predetermined questions, followed by some questions taken from the floor. If you have any questions you'd like to have considered as part of the main set, email them to chamber@niverville.com.

#### Welcome new members

The chamber would like to welcome these new members:

- Cameron Rennie, Investors Group, Winnipeg, financial planning;
- Kris Moffat, Hub International, Winnipeg, insurance brokers & consultants.

#### Annual chamber golf tournament

All are welcome to participate in the chamber's annual golf tournament, Friday, September 16 at Quarry Oakes. For registration information, please visit www.niverville.com. It's a great opportunity to network and meet local business people.

#### Volunteers of the month

Carl Fast has coached student volleyball for 15 years. He began at Niverville Collegiate (and still coaches there). He then started his own boys' club team called United with players from Niverville and Île Des Chênes. Carl has coached girls' volleyball at Providence University since club teams began there, taking them to the nationals every year. Carl's Mayor Myron Dyck; Carl Fast, July's recipient; love of sport and working with



Doug Dyck, chamber director.

kids continues to drive him to take coaching clinics and learn as much as he can about the sport of volleyball.

Although not a resident of Niverville, Walt McKee has coached in the Niverville Soccer Association for eight years. This year he coached the U14 Niverville Warriors to a gold medal in league championships and

the U13 Niverville Rush to a win of the Boston Pizza Players Cup in Winnipeg. He was selected to coach the Eastman U13 male soccer team, with six players from Niverville, which just competed in the Manitoba Games in Steinbach and won the gold medal. This is Walt's 50th year coaching soccer! In his professional career, Walt played for the Blue Bombers from 1972 to



Mayor Myron Dyck; Walt Mckee, August's recipient; Jen Bardarson, chamber director.

1975 and then returned to his first love, soccer.



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# 'Tisthe Season for Music Lessons



Music lessons, whether they be piano, violin, drums, or guitar, are great extracurricular activities for kids. Indeed, music has been shown to improve academic, physical, and social skills in children

But deciding what instrument suits your child best, and which teacher to go with, can be a daunting task. There are, however, several music teachers very close to home.

This article isn't exhaustive, but it can serve as a good starting point in your research.

#### **JULIA DAVISON**

Julia Davison has taught piano on and offfor 13 years just outside of Niverville.

"I was eight years old when I started piano lessons," Davison says. "My teacher, Anita, had her ARCT [Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto] performer's diploma with the Royal Conservatory of Music, and since I was enthralled with her playing and wanted to play like her, I made it my goal to also obtain my ARTC performer's diploma. As for teaching, it was my mom that encouraged me to first offer lessons when I was 16, so I put an ad up at the local post office. A young girl that rode my bus became my first student."

Davison offers half-hour lessons once a week. Though she hosts lessons in her home, she primarily travels to her students' homes for just \$1 extra per lesson.

Playing piano has led to many



Children take part in Laura Visser's Music for Young Children program.

opportunities for Davison. "I learned how to read chord charts, do some improvisation, as well as listen to recordings and play along. I ended up playing piano in a worship band at church and also got the opportunity to go on a Musicians Summer of Service trip to Latvia with YWAM when I was 18. Having the freedom to play by ear, do creative improvisation, and play in

bands with other musicians has been

the most fun part of it all for me."

#### **NICK MULLIN**

Nick Mullin teaches piano, drum, bass guitar, and guitar out of his home in Ste. Agathe, where he moved this past January. On top of being a music teacher, he is also a hired musician. Mullin has played piano for local artist Jordan St. Cyr for the past six years. He has also worked with Winnipeg artist Ingrid Johnson for the past seven vears.

Mullin has taught piano and drums for twelve years and guitar for six. "I enjoyed my lessons growing up," he says, "so I wanted to give others a chance to experience that joy that can be found through playing a musical instrument."

Mullin teaches both half-hour and hour-long sessions, once a week. "I love teaching music to children of all ages. Each child has individual learning styles and musical tendencies, so it is fun to learn about the child myself, and cater the lessons toward each one's needs. I find that most children love playing their instruments even after the first couple lessons."

#### **LAURA VISSER**

Laura Visser has taught piano for 17 years. She teaches out of her home in Niverville and has two in-house studios. One studio is for private students and the other is for a program called Music for Young Children (MYC).

"This program, Music for Young Children, is a wonderful beginner program designed for children ages three and up who have never taken music lessons," Visser says. "I also work with students who have special needs. Though I do teach some privately, many children benefit from the Music for Young Children program as they can work on skills in different and creative ways. It is a joy to help them discover their gifts in music, whether they play by ear, read music, or simply enjoy singing or listening to others in class."

 $MYC, which is taught by 900\,differ$ ent teachers across three continents to more than 24,000 students, is done in a group setting. After completing the program, students are ready for private lessons.

Visser started her own musical journey at the age of three. She competed in piano during her formative years. Once she became a mother, she taught piano to her own children.

Piano and teaching music is my passion," she says. "I believe all children have musical capabilities and I want to help them discover a love of music that will last them their entire lives, whether they continue in piano, learn a new instrument, or just appreciate the music they listen to."

#### **TARALYN EDDY**

Taralyn Eddy moved to Niverville two years ago. Before that, Eddy and her family lived in British Columbia, where she taught piano for five years.

"When we moved to Niverville, I wasn't sure what the need for piano lessons would be," Eddy says. "I was surprised with the large response to my first ad, and I got to meet and work with many great families last year!"

Eddy, a mother of four, has lot of experience working with kids. This includes teaching swimming, working at a summer camp, and serving as an educational assistant at an elementary school.

'When we moved to B.C., a friend asked if I would be interested in teaching piano lessons at a school of fine arts," she adds. "It seemed like a natural fit to use my love and gift of teaching, my experience working with children, and my years of training in piano, together! I taught at the school for a year and a half, and then continued teaching private lessons from my home when I had my own children."

Piano lessons with Eddy run from September until June, mirroring the school year. The weekly lessons last thirty minutes.

"I consider it an honour to serve my community by teaching piano lessons," Eddy says, "and I look forward to meeting some new students and families again this year."









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The City Harmonic

# City Harmonic Playing Free Event

#### By Sylvia St. Cyr

The City Harmonic, a Canadian band from Hamilton, Ontario, will perform at Providence University College on Friday, September 2, as part of the school's Welcome Week festivities. The free concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"We've always had a Welcome

Week in some guise, but we've never gone big like this before," says Jerrad Peters, the college's Creative Content Specialist. "In addition to The City Harmonic, we'll have games and activities such as bubble soccer, big kerplunk, big battleship, a photo booth, and a dunk tank. We really want students to be excited about coming here."

The City Harmonic has written

three albums and won a Juno under Contemporary Christian and Gospel Album of the Year for their album I Have a Dream. They've also won nine GMA Covenant Awards. Their sound is big and their shows feature impressive light

"As far as Canadian contemporary Christian music goes, they're about as big as it gets," says Peters,

"so we're delighted they'll be celebrating Welcome Week with us."

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The event will be held in the gymnasium and is expected to have avery big turnout. Peters says it will be a great opportunity to bring high school students to see the campus and everything it has to offer.

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5 - Moves your body LIGHT BLUE

6 - Makes you feel LIGHT PURPLE

7 - Temperature PINK

8 - Understand Language BLUE

9 - Hearing GREEN

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10 - Sight PURPLE

11 - Posture BLACK

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**Last Month's Winner** Maddex Mason Age: 10

# **CROSSWORD PUZZLE** 10

#### Across

- 1. Darkness
- 4. Tied
- 6. Perfume
- **9.** Unable to be rectified
- 10. Stains
- 11. Cook
- **15.** Gave food
- 16. Headland
- 19. Praise vociferously **20.** Female name
- 21. Gem State
- 22. Squashy
- 23. Originate
- 25. Drinks
- **27.** Cable
- 28. Call of the crow
- **30.** Look for
- 31. Haven
- 33. Yoga posture
- **34.** Singleton
- 35. Simultaneous firing of artillery
- **36.** Take pleasure in

#### Down

- 1. Malfunction
- 2. Not PCs
- 3. Governmental council in a Communist country
- 4. Rigid pieces of metal
- 5. Fuel oil
- 7. Highest part
- 8. Blend
- 12. Republic on Hispaniola
- 13. Type of duck
- 14. Burning gas
- 16. Carbonated drinks
- 17. Edible fruit
- 18. One who is paid
- 23. Dandies
- 24. Stonecutters
- **26.** Emaciated
- 28. Guitar accessory
- 29. Sensible
- 31. Scandinavian capital
- 32. Beget

Answers to this month's puzzle can be found in the Classified section on page 35.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Remembrance Day Honour Roll

The Niverville Remembrance Day Planning Committee is putting out a call to Armed Forces Personnel and Veteran residents of Niverville and surrounding area who wish to be included in the Honour Roll by name and picture, which is shown leading up to the Remembrance Day Ceremony. All interested please contact Lora at 204-388-6536 by October 28, 2016.



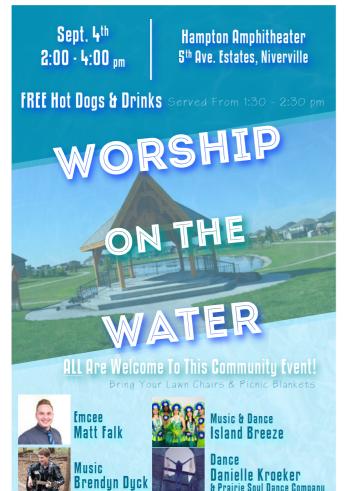


Please join us in extending best wishes to **Guy Chartier** and his family!

Guy is retiring after 37 years with Perimeter Concrete. Guy is old school with strong work ethics and it was easy to see the pride he put into his work, and the Niverville Concrete plant.

Next time you see him at the Niverville Chicken Chef, or around town, please wish him well.





#### **JOB POSTINGS**

### We are looking for a LIGENSED HARSTYLLST.

The successful candidate must be willing to work evenings and weekends. Your income can be a commission split or chair rental (should you come bringing clientele) If the latter is the case, a start up incentive will be offered). If a busy small town boutique-esque salon with a positive vibe and a great team (not to mention really amazing products) interests you, please submit your resume either in person or by mail.

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#### **DIESEL MECHANIC**

N&A Trucking & Lsg Ltd is currently seeking diesel mechanic for full time position at very busy shop in Niverville.

Qualified candidates may email resume to: nandatrucking@hotmail.com or see Chad at the office between 8am-5pm.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



The Friends of the Plex are looking for volunteers to join our team!

If you are interested in getting involved, email us at multiplex@whereyoubelong.ca or visit www.nivervillemultiplex.ca for more information.

Together, we can.







but willing to train the right person.

Resume can be e-mailed to: jobs@inexplastering.com

Regular Mail or Drop off in person to: **IN-EX Plastering & Stucco** Box 1168 - 349 Bronstone Drive Niverville, MB **R0A 1E0** 



#### SPACE FOR RENT/LEASE



#### 295 Main Street - Niverville

5377 sq ft of office/professional space still available on a beautiful treed lot that offers great visibility on main traffic route, lit parking lot, vehicle plug in's, high-end finishing throughout, back patio, and more. Space to be split into sections to suit your business needs! Call Ray for details or to arrange a viewing: (204) 346-3041



#### **Commercial Space For Lease**

Commercial building in Niverville, great location on Main Street fronting the arena & across from the golf course. Building offers 1200 sq ft of office space, 2400 sq ft heated shop and 3200 sq ft of cold storage on 1 acre. Could be separated into smaller rental spaces. Call 204-346-3041 for more detail.

#### **FUN & GAMES**

#### This Month's **Crossword Puzzle** Answers



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