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We All Have Ability Day

The Society for Manitobans with Disabilities Foundation paired up with Booster Juice owners Wade Miller, Graham Taylor and Brian Seebalack for a smoothie-making competition at St. Vital Shopping Centre. The owners donated \$1 to SMD Foundation/Easter Seals Manitoba for every Booster Juice smoothie sold on April 17 at its Winnipeg locations.

(L-R) Back row: Celebrity judges: Wade Miller (CEO and co-founder of Pinnacle and Booster Juice store owner), Mitchell Clinton (Shaw T), Russ Hobson (Global Winnipeg), Adam West and Shannon McFayden (Virgin 103 FM) and host Barry Kay (Cherry Tree Productions).

(L-R) Front row: Celebrity participants: Doug Speirs (Winnipeg Free Press), Buck Pierce (Winnipeg Blue Bombers), Big Daddy Tazz (comedian) Steve Morley (Winnipeg Blue Bombers), Kelly Butler (Winnipeg Blue Bomber alumni), Paul Swiston (Winnipeg Blue Bombers).



Asper Foundation — Winnipeg Harvest

The Asper Foundation and Winnipeg Harvest unveiled the Asper Learning & Friendship Village. The facility is a training centre at Winnipeg Harvest, 1085 Winnipeg Ave. Its purpose is to help Winnipeg Harvest clients and volunteers get the skills they need to find a job. It will also provide a safe haven and gathering place for at-risk youth, immigrants, refugees, food bank clients, seniors and low-income families and individuals.

(L-R) David Asper (The Asper Foundation), Ruth Asper, David Northcott (Winnipeg Harvest), Becky Froese (volunteer, Winnipeg Harvest) and Gail Asper (The Asper Foundation).



Spring Fling

Macdonald Youth Services (MYS) held its annual Spring Fling at Blaze Bistro at Delta Winnipeg. The event is held in support of the MYS Youth Emergency Shelter Renovation and Renewal Project. At the event, the Sir Hugh John Macdonald Memorial Award is presented to individuals in our community who demonstrate values of respect and fairness and practical assistance toward youth to help them develop life skills for a better tomorrow. This year, Edward Kennedy, CEO of the North West Company, received the award for his dedication to his community.

ABOVE: (L-R): Darlene Starcy (president, MYS), Edward Kennedy (CEO and president, The North West Company), Erma Chapman (CEO, MYS)

TOP (L-R): Representing The North West Company were Debbie Gillis (vice-president, information services), Sandford Riley (chairman, board of directors), Leanne Flewitt (vice-president, merchandise performance services), Craig Gilpin (executive vice-president and COO), David Chatybrok (vice-president, procurement and marketing), Michael Beaulieu (vice-president, NWC Services), Dan McConnell (vice-president, real estate and store development), Christine Reimer (vice-president, Canadian sales and operations).

Soroptomist Luncheon

The 70th annual Soroptomist International of Winnipeg Spring Awards Luncheon was held at the Viscount Gort Hotel. The organization of business and professional women strives to help other women to be their best. This year's honourees and award recipients were Cat Ross, Elaina Desrochers, Amanda Roberts, Hayley Ruectky and Cassie Ackerman.

(L-R) Sandra Richen, Jean Heard, Heather Menzies, Marjory Harvey.



Random acts of kindness

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Kindness brought tears to her eyes

I belong to a Facebook group called Families Helping Families. I had posted a message thanking everyone for all of their help.

My husband had recently broken his foot and could not work. I am on maternity leave, waiting for my husband's EI to kick in, and with two little

ones under four years old, we were just getting by.

A lovely soul named Lindsay sent me a message telling me she had just seen my post and that it really touched her heart. Seeing that I was grateful enough for the help to actually take time to thank the people who helped.

She gave me diapers, formula and food for my little one. I was so happy, it brought tears to my eyes.

Thank you, Lindsay, for being such a wonderful person. I am so glad to have met you.

— Lauri-Jane Lewis

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Snow didn't dampen afternoon

I decided it would be a great time to see if there would be a sunset visible from the bypass around Selkirk. The weather was reasonable as I left town and pedalled a mile or so west of town when suddenly my bike chain jumped from its channel drive wheel. Suddenly I was without means to pedal and get anywhere.

Then it began to snow.

As I struggled to rectify this on the shoulder of the highway (I had

no tools with me), a shiny black van stopped to enquire about my predicament. It did not take long for Rob, who lives in Petersfield, to load me and my wounded bike into his mobile warmth and comfort and deliver me safely to our Selkirk doorstep. What a wonderful finish to a snowy, but partially successful, biking adventure. Thank you, Rob.

— Al Cartledge, Selkirk