

— Your Community —

# Youth Hear Message of Sexual Abstinence at Two Day Conference Here

A speaker from the Pregnancy Care Centre in Edmonton brought a message of sexual abstinence to a group of area students who were attending a youth conference in Provost Friday evening and all day Saturday, September 26 and 27.

Julie Parr's talk, designed for two one hour sessions in the Lutheran Church focussed on issues of sexuality and how they can affect people physically, emotionally and spiritually. The talks were heard from students in Grades 7 to 12.

She told *The Provost News* that her message is to challenge the youth to live differently than certain parts of the world, including some music



*"Wait Trainer"*

**Julie Parr, a guest speaker at a youth conference in Provost over the weekend. Story in this paper. ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTO.**

and media are suggesting to them.

Part of Parr's message include "Abstinence is staying away from all activity that is sexually arousing to you or the other person. This definition will keep one safe from the emotional and physical consequences that threaten teens who engage in sexual behavior. It is all about what and who you are waiting for in the future. It allows one to: protect future plans, dreams, and goals; protect emotional health; protect physical health—no sexually transmitted infections (STIs); protect friendships; to really get to know someone you are attracted to; have healthier dating relationships; enjoy a committed marriage relationship with no baggage; enjoy sex later in life with one partner and no competing memories; focus on studying; spend time to focus on goals and interests like sports and hobbies; spend more time participating in church/community service; become spiritually and emotionally mature; and learn to resist pressure and build character."

Pastor Paul McCormick said that there were 97 youth registered from as far away as Ryley, Alta. to the west and east to the Kerrobert, Sask. area. He added that those attending had the chance to get together to worship, learn and have fun with Christian friends.

The conference was sponsored by the Provost Ministerial Association

Other pictures are in this paper.

— Comment —

*Dear Mr. Editor*

Provost, Alta.

(The following letter was brought into *The News* and was requested to be printed as public information):

Margaret Grocock  
Cadogan, Alta.

Dear Margaret,

Your letter to council and your "Letter to the Editor" in *The Provost News* were accepted for information by council. Council appreciates hearing your opinion. I will be dealing with your questions by means of this letter and will not be responding to *The Provost News*.

1. There was a meeting with both the Town and M.D. councils on September 9, 2008. At this meeting the tender was presented to both councils. At this time, no decision has been made to accept the tender as the tender is good for 45 days.

2. Yes, council can legally approve such an expenditure. If a legal petition is received by council requesting a plebiscite, then a plebiscite would be held. If you are interested in more information on a legal plebiscite, I can help you.

3. The question about which councillors voted in favour of the expenditure is difficult as there were more than one vote: December 2005, 05/522 Moved by Cr. Kjos that cost sharing 50/50 between the Town of Provost and the Provost & District Recreation Area up to \$2,000,000.00

each towards the Indoor Multi-Use Recreation Facility with the condition that at least an additional \$1,000,000.00 is raised through community fundraising. See motion #07/283 Sept. 13/07. (Car. Un.); September 2007 07/283 Moved by Cr. Murray to contribute an additional

1.4 million dollars to the Provost Regional Activity Centre in addition to the money already committed in Motion #05/522. Carried 6-1 Opposed Cr. Schneider; April 2008 08/128 Moved by Cr. Murray to contribute up to an additional \$2 million dollars more towards the Provost

Regional Activity Centre to be levied in 2008 and 2009 through the east recreation mill rate. Carried 5-1 Opposed Cr. Kjos. 4. You cannot deduct the recreation portion from your taxes. 5. Future funding for maintenance and operating costs have been an

important consideration. Please feel free to come into the office or call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,  
Iris Larson  
Administrator  
Municipal District of  
Provost No. 52



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