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Weather Outlook

Wed Feb 7 0 Scattered Flurries



Thurs Feb 8 -4 Snow



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Sat. Feb 10 -6 Mainly Cloudy



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"Hi, I'm Macey!

In 2023, I embarked on an entrepreneurial journey as I began my studies for certification as a Natural Health Consultant & recently received my Usui Holy Fire® Reiki Levels I & II certification, following my passion I centred my business Earthly Empowerment around sharing my passion for herbalism and natural healing modalities with women across Canada. My main services currently are Reiki Healing sessions - Reiki is a holistic healing practice originating in Japan. It involves a practitioner using their hands to channel energy, promoting relaxation and balance to the body, mind, and spirit. Currently used in over 800 hospitals in the USA, Reiki promotes improved well-being and stress reduction. As a Reiki Practitioner, I have undergone formal training & an attunement process by a Reiki Master from the International Centre for Reiki Training.

I found my passion for natural health in 2021 when I began studying at-home herbal remedies in my spare time to manage chronic pain - finding myself diving right in and eventually enrolling



in the Natural Health Consultant course, becoming equally obsessed with every natural healing modality in between and sharing it with others who are equally interested!

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Twin Valley

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Birtle Firefighters planning for their 11th annual Vintage Snowmobile Poker Derby

This year the firefighter's annual Vintage Snowmobile Derby will be held on **Sunday February 25th at the Birtle Fire Hall**. Registration is from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The trail winds itself through the Birdtail Valley for a scenic ride of the Birdtail area.

We are hoping for a good turnout again, as this is a fun day and a chance to see the snowmobiles of yesterday. After the ride the snowmobiles are put on display. Everyone can and is encouraged vote on the machine they like the best. The votes are counted and a trophy is awarded as the People's Choice for the most favourite snowmobile.

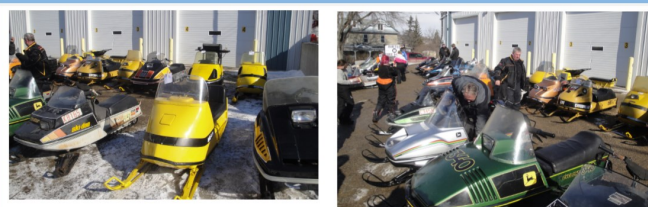
This derby is one of the fundraising events held annually by the firefighters. The funds raised are used to buy specialised equipment for our fire department. Our most recent project was the completion of our trailer as a command post, the purchase of two hand held radios for a cost of \$8,000.00 and under construction is a forced air drying rack for our turnout gear.

The members of the fire department will be out looking for your support of this derby, through the sale of silent rider tickets which makes you eligible to win a cash prize and prizes for our raffle table. A raffle table is set up with prizes that

are donated by local and surrounding area businesses and also by individuals who donated prizes. Draw tickets are sold on the raffle prizes at the derby.

If you have a Vintage Snowmobile of 25 years or older bring it down and come for the ride with us, or if you like just come down in the afternoon and join us for a coffee and see the old snowmobiles as they come back from the trail and are on display. This always brings back memories and stories of our early snowmobiling days.

Hope to see you there.



11th Annual Vintage Snowmobile Derby & Show Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024 Birtle, MB

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Birtle Christmas Cheer Committee Grateful for Community Support

The Birtle Christmas Cheer Committee has wound up another holiday season. In total 31 Christmas Hampers were assembled and delivered this year in and around the Birtle area. The hamper program is meant to help alleviate some of the stress for individuals and families that may be struggling financially. Our hope is that everyone can take part in holiday traditions without creating additional financial worries.

The support we receive every year from community partners is always amazing, and this year was no different. We would like to acknowledge the following organizations for their contributions:

- The Value Shoppe
- St. George's Guild
- Birtle United Church
- Birtle Elementary School students & staff
- Birtle Collegiate students & staff
- Birtle Health Centre Staff
- Birtle Pharmacy
- Alliance Accounting
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Binscarth Christian Assembly
- Twin Valley Co-op
- Birtle Fire Department
- Nutrien (Rocanville)



This year we were fortunate that a representative from Nutrien (Rocanville) reached out, inviting us to apply for funding through their Community Investment program. One of the Focus Areas of their Program is: Resilient Communities - where residents are nourished and supported. Our Program submitted a request and received a generous grant that helped us in reaching our goal. If you would like to read more about this program go to nutrien.com and look under sustainability.

We also would like to acknowledge all the donations of food, gifts, and money, and time from individuals and families in the area.

The Christmas Cheer group is a sub-committee of the Birtle and Area Food Bank. The Cheer committee serves citizens in and around Birtle, Beulah, Solsgirth, and Foxwarren. The Birtle Food Bank operates out of the Birtle United Church Hall (CE Building). It is open from 10 until noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month and serves the communities of Prairie View Municipality. To request a hamper, just go to the food bank during operating hours.

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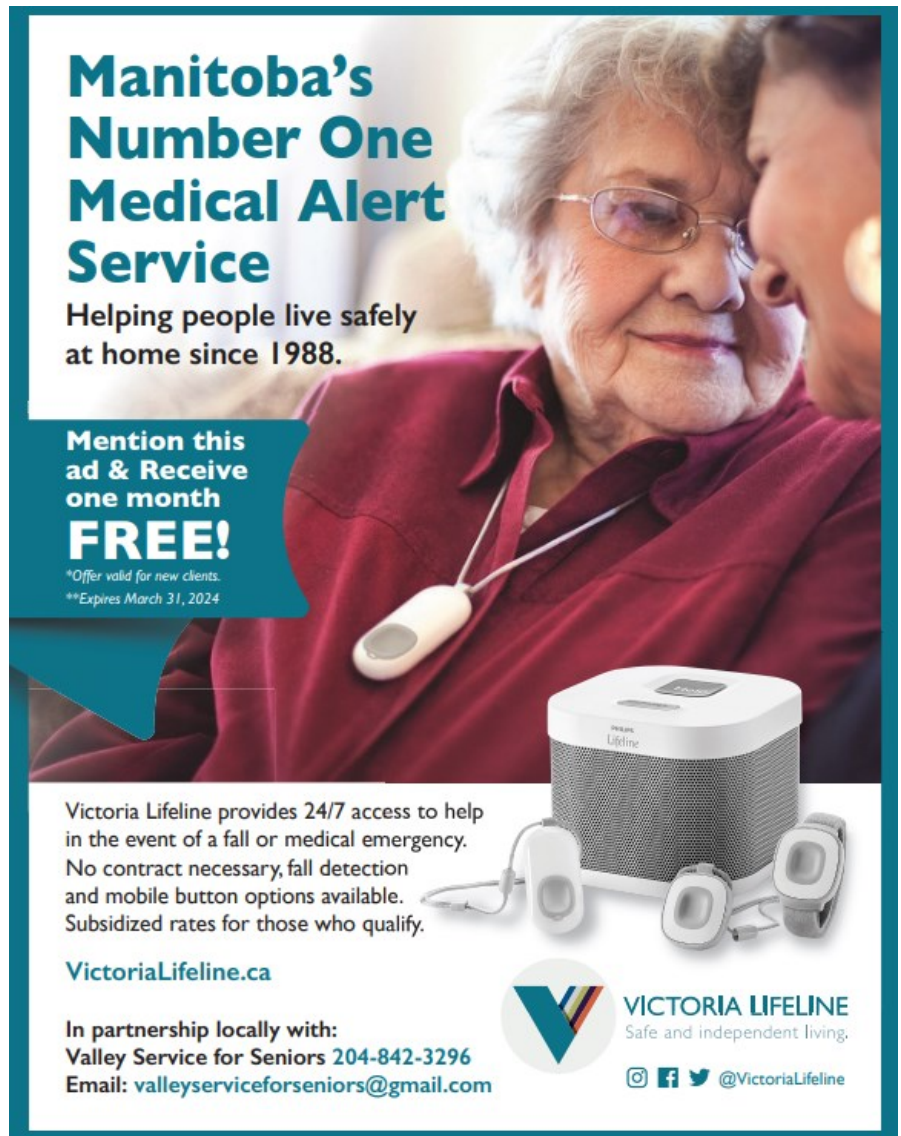
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BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury

Feb 6 2024

A warm welcome home to Debbie and Leonard Jensen and Charmaine and Brian Bicknell who have been holidaying in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Sympathy of the Birtle community is extended to the family and friends of Percy (Mick) Pierce, formerly of Beulah, who passed away at the Virden Health Centre on Jan. 29. He will be missed by his wife Sheila and daughters Georgina (Lyle), Lorelei (Alfred), Susan and Erin.

Birtle Drop In Center was alive with the music of Jesse Genaille of Swan River who entertained an appreciative crowd on Wednesday Jan. 31. A delicious soup and sandwich lunch followed his performance. Jesse then journeyed to Miniota for an afternoon performance.

Maurie and Joy Snow have returned from a two week vacation in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The Birtle Community Centre was a bee-hive of activity last weekend as the Birtle Minor Hockey Association hosted a 2 day U9 tournament with 8 teams taking part. Virden was victorious over Birtle Team 2 in the A Side final game on Sunday. On the Consolation side, it was Rocanville over Neepawa in the final. Besides lots of regular rink food, they had a pancake breakfast that was a hit.

Jan. 23 2024

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Kayla Lawrence who passed away on Jan. 10th in her 40th year.

Condolences of the community are being sent to Heather and Mike Smart and family on the passing of Heather's Dad, Duncan Stewart, of Goodlands, MB who passed away on Jan. 13th at the Deloraine Hospital at the age of 91.

Also extending sympathy to the family and friends of George Simms, formerly of Foxwarren, who passed away on Jan. 14th in Yorkton at the age of 97.

Congratulations to Lance Dimond and Morgan Lucero who were married in Napa, California on January 13th. Lance is the son of Gary and Eileen Diamond.

Kurt and Deena Amy journeyed to Leksand, Sweden Dec. 18th to spend Christmas with their daughter Tatum Amy who is currently living there and playing hockey with the Leksand IF women's hockey team. While there they were able to take in three hockey games and the team won two of them. They toured the ABBA Museum and the Vasa Ship Museum and other sights in Stockholm. They also toured the Dala Horse Workshop in Mora, Sweden. The horses are made and painted there and can range in size from very tiny to extremely large. They returned home on January 1st following a wonderful holiday.

Jan. 16 2024

Robin and Stu Scantlebury spent the last week visiting their son, Tucker, in Port Huron, MI. Tucker plays hockey for the Port Huron Prowlers and they enjoyed taking in some games while there. Stu's mom, Joan Taylor, of Calgary, AB has been visiting with family and friends in the area while staying

at their home to look after the dogs.

Gary and Eileen Dimond spent Christmas in Saskatoon with their son Lance and daughter Pam and husband Tim Coates and grandchildren Katelynn and Will Coates. They report a brown Christmas.



Sympathy of the Birtle Community is extended to the family and friends of Don Darker who passed away Jan. 7 at the Sherwood Home in Virden at the age of 90.

The community extends its condolences to the family and friends of Pat (Pug) Robertson who passed away at Sunnyside Manor on Jan. 10 at the age of 82. Pug was the former editor and publisher of The Birtle Eye Witness.

January weather has certainly arrived with extreme cold warnings being issued for several days right across the Prairies and accompanied with much needed snowfall. Stay safe.

Jan 9 2024

Hoping everyone enjoyed their Christmas break and are settling into routine in 2024.

Kevin and Jo-Anne Hickman had Dustin, Miranda and Deakon Hickman, Michaela Other and Chad Hickman and Mari-on Tomiski to celebrate at Christmas. Kevin and Jo-anne spent New Year's celebrating in Banff, AB while staying at Canmore, AB. They enjoyed many outdoor activities with the warmer temperatures that stayed for their whole visit. They reported very little to no snow throughout their travels across Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Devon, Ashley, Kiera and Griffin Bell enjoyed spending time in Mexico as a Christmas celebration.

Word has been received of the passing of Bill Clinansmith on Dec. 19, 2023 at the age of 72. Many will remember Bill when he taught school at Birtle Collegiate in the late 70s and early 80s. He will be remembered by his wife Adrienne, sons Nathan (Arran), Matthew (Vicky) and daughter Naomi (Mark) and grandson Kingston, brothers, sisters and their families.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Dorthea (Salmon) Amy on Dec. 24, 2023 at the age of 101 year. She is survived by her son Lynn (Marlene), daughters Althea (Barry) Asselstine, and Rhonda (Glengarry) Longmuir and their families as well as her sister Julia Pierce.

Bev Lee's Christmas visitors were Cindy, Fabien, Kingston and Hayden Copeland of Winnipeg. Sister Sharon Hayden of Pioneer Lodge, Birtle joined them for dinner. Her New Year's visitors were her son Kelly, Shannon and Anastasia Lee from Alberta.

Pat Koroscil spent Christmas in Winnipeg with daughter Cathy, Chris and Kaylee Powell and they brought her home on the 29th and stayed to celebrate the New Year which was hosted by Bruce and Denise Koroscil. Lorna Koroscil also joined the celebration at the farm.

I, Jan, spent Christmas in Brandon with the Elchuk's and Urbanovich's. The weather co-operated with everyone who had to travel. Now it's back to normal (and a bit below) for the next while.

The Foxwarren/Solsgirth 4-H beef club is spreading some Christmas cheer! The club collected food bank items for the Birtle and surrounding area food bank and we made Christmas cards for sunny side residents 🌲 🧑🏻‍🎄 🌲



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A Recipe for the Upcoming Year

Hello... this special recipe is our way of wishing you a Happy New Year and all the best for 2024..... from Ron and Brenda Samchuk

Ingredients:

2c Love for God. 6T Compassion. 7T Charity.
1c Faith. 3T Humility. 1c Trust
4T Optimism. 2T Humour. 6T Patience

Instructions:

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BIRTLE LIONS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT LOCAL GROUPS

The Decker Country Riders 4-H Club would like to thank the Birtle Value Shoppe for their recent donation. Funds received will help the club bring in riding instructors, purchase equipment, and pay for some roping and goat tying clinics planned this year. Local Prairieview RM members this year include Ava Evans, Mia Hohmann, and Reegan Bell.



Above picture: The Decker Country Riders pose for a picture after a riding lesson.



Above: The Decker Country Riders 4-H Club learn some of the basics of roping from Stephanie Colli.

Birtle Centre for the Arts
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VALENTINES DAY

Kids Craft



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Instructor: Sally Donald

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Registration fee: \$10.00

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BCA events are possible thanks to the support from:



The Value Shoppe

Greetings from the Birtle Breakfast Group in Brandon.

We meet at Smitty's (north hill) first Tuesday of each month. 9 am

Come join us for some great reminiscing.



Thursday 11, 18, 23
JAN 2024

BIRTLE ELEMENTARY

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MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Linda Clark

February 6 2024

Liliane Weingartner from Brooks AB visited with several in the area, making her headquarters with Len and Brenda Stowe.

The U 11 Miniota hockey team hosted a tournament this past weekend with teams coming from TriValley, Hamiota, Birtle/Shoal Lake, Elkhorn and of course our home team. Each team played two games. Congratulations to Tanner Williams and Kerrie Gurr on the birth of their son, Mason Lorne, on February 3 in Brandon. Mason is also welcomed by grandparents Murray and Joan Gurr and Lorne and Darlene Williams and by great grandmothers Sheila Smith, Minnedosa and Doreen Clark, aunts, uncles and cousins.

“If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, so do prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present...gratefully.” Maya Angelou

January 23 2024

Congratulations to the Birtle-Miniota-Elkhorn U15 team who were successful in defeating the U15 Hamiota Huskies to advance to provincials at Warren. Wishing you good luck at Provincials!

The Miniota United Church Women held their annual meeting on January 16th to receive annual reports, set the budget and catering prices for 2024, as well as accept the nominating report for officers and group convenors. 2024 executive is: Chairperson Linda Clark, Secretary Beth Lelond, Treasurer Kerrie Gurr and Vice Chair Margaret Still. UCW activities planned are as follows: Roast beef supper April 14th (Group 1 in charge), Fall Turkey supper November 3rd (Group 2 in charge)and the Miniota Craft Sale November 24th (Group 1 and 2). The World Day of Prayer service to be planned with the ACW was set for March 1st at 2:00 in the United Church sanctuary.

The Miniota Rink was a beehive of activity this past weekend with the mixed curling bonspiel, the Skunky Dozen hockey tournament as well as several other hockey games. The bonspiel this year was run on the point system and fourteen rinks vied for the money. The top six rinks to share the money were as follows: 1) Nick Young 2) Todd Brown 3) Randy McKean 4) Murray Foster 5) Mac Lelond and 6th Stephanie Brown. The Skunky Dozen tournament saw Birtle, Birdtail, Elkhorn, Sinclair, Kenton and Miniota vie for the money, also on a point system and Miniota Skunky Dozen and Birtle shared the winnings due to a tie. A casino night was enjoyed by many on Saturday evening following a pulled pork supper at the rink. Sunday saw the U9 and the U11 play hockey, and the weekend finished off with the Miniota Elkhorn C-Hawks play and defeat the Wawanesa team. A great weekend thanks to the many who participated and especially to the many who volunteered their time with food and work to make this a success.

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.” Muriel Strode

January 16 2024

The Miniota U9 Hockey Team hosted teams from Elkhorn, Hamiota and Birtle for their annual one day tournament on Saturday, January 13th . A Side winners were Birtle and B Side winners were Miniota.

Great Grandparents Stan and Bonnie Bryant are pleased to welcome a new great grandson, Jonah Watson Joseph Bryant born to Alex and Sophie Bryant on December 30th at Brandon. Congratulations to all including the proud parents and grandparents Dean and Denise Bryant.

Our community extends sympathy to Leila Darker and her family, Rob and Christine Darker and Carrie and Ron Prochner and their families on the death of Don Darker on January 7, 2024. Don was a resident at The Sherwood in Virden, along with his wife Leila. Don and Leila built their retirement home in Miniota following their move from their home farm at Beulah. They enjoyed the many activities of the Miniota DropIn Centre and Don was always eager to share fruit and vegetables from his garden and his apple trees. Our thoughts are with you all.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Mervyn Stewart who died on January 6, 2024 at his home at Birch Lodge Personal Care Home

at Hamiota. For many years Mervyn farmed north of Miniota as well as owning a shed cleaning business. Our thoughts are with Dennis, Linda, Ross, Brenda and their families.

Word has been received of the death of Ken Peel who died on January 4, 2024 at Red Deer. Ken made his home at Sylvan Lake AB. He was raised at Miniota on the farm and took his schooling here. Our thoughts are with his sons Darren and Blair and their families and also with Ken’s siblings, Phyllis Thompson, Bob and Catherine Peel, Murray and Bev Peel, Joan and Bob Jolley and their families.

We Manitobans like to talk about the weather and the past week has given us lots for conversation with the cold temps, high winds and blowing snow, which netted school buses not running on a couple of days. One thing noted that doesn’t close down would be our coffee shops and rinks! We are tough stuff!!

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home.” Edith Sitwell

January 2 2024

Deepest sympathy is extended to the many Stamford and Bowles nieces and nephews of Lily Bowles who died on December 21st at the Elkwood Manor at Elkhorn. Lily was 104 years of age. Lily was a wonderful lady who independently maintained her home and yard until the age of 98.

Sympathy is also extended to Barry and Althea Asselstine and Lynn and Marlene Amy, as well as to their sister Rhonda in Alberta and their families on the death of their mother and grandmother, Dorothea Amy who died on December 24th at Morley House, Shoal Lake. Dorothea was 101 years and had been a resident at Parkissimo Lodge for several years. Sympathy is also extended to Dorothea’s sister Julia Pierce and her family.

Word has been received of the death of Dennis Chartier on December 21st at Coronation AB. Sympathy is extended to his siblings Bernadette McDougall, Pat Edgerton, Aline(Charles) Deschambault, Madeline(Terry Stonehouse) and Ron and Cindy Chartier and their families.

Once again this Christmas the Miniota United Church Sunday School committee filled and delivered several hampers throughout Ward 1. Recipients expressed deep gratitude for such a wonderful gift and for this act of kindness from the committee and all who donate, know that your gifts and time were acknowledged with appreciation.

Christmas Eve services were held at both the United and Anglican churches, with community members and their families and guests gathering to fill the sanctuaries.

Many families enjoyed the Miniota rink and hall for their family Christmas gatherings. Due to the warm weather and the skating ice not ready, they participated in curling.

Power skating is underway once again this winter at 8:00 AM on Tuesday mornings at our rink under the leadership of Brad Cole and his helpers. A breakfast program is provided following for the skaters.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church and the Miniota United Church congregations will begin a trial period of shared ministry/worship beginning on Sunday, January 7th at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary of the United Church under the leadership of Rev. Sally Carter. All are welcome to attend.

A new year – 2024 - is upon us! May this new year be kind and gentle to all our readers – near and far!

“It may be time to put away the Christmas decorations, but DO NOT put away your Christmas Spirit. Keep it all year!” Charlie Brown



LOCAL COUPLE EXPLORES ARGENTINA

Buenos Dias Argentina! A country famous for the Pampas, beef cattle, Malbec, mate tea, tango dancing, and gauchos. We have just returned from a two-week tour of Argentina. There were 18 of us in the group—15 from Alberta, 1 from Ohio and us. It was an agricultural tour which began in Buenos Aires, and went on to several small cities on the Pampas, and a flight over to Iguazu Falls in the jungle.

On the first day, we visited Liniers Auction Mart, a huge facility that puts 10-12 thousand head of cattle through its sales pens 3 days a week. This only accounts for 15% of the cattle sold in the country. 80% of Argentine cattle are used within the country so the per capita consumption of beef is about 3 times more than ours in Canada.

We were accompanied by a tour guide, and a translator. It was spring weather until we got to the jungle where it became much hotter. Four beef cattle (mostly Angus) operations, a dairy operation, and a horse-breeding center were visited. The farms all provided a great asado (bbq) at lunch along with wine and desserts. It was quite an opportunity to meet the families and see how things are done in another country.

At Iguazu, we took a bus ride through the jungle to visit a Coop that harvests mate leaves for their tea, packages and markets it, as well as oversees the growing and marketing of mandioca or cassava root (the source of our tapioca). Mate (pronounced “mah tay” is a drink made in a special cup and is of big cultural and social significance. In the morning mate leaves are placed into the cup and hot water and more leaves are added to this all day long as required. This tea is passed around to friends and indeed as we were visiting it was also passed to us. It is said that it has many health benefits. Those of us who tasted it found that it probably would be an acquired taste.



The people in Argentina are quite friendly, and willing to listen to our garbled Spanish and to try to interpret our questions. We were welcomed in their stores, restaurants, etc. Time was also allowed for sight-seeing and shopping! On the last evening, we attended a Tango dinner show. It was quite impressive! Tango was started in Argentina in the red light section of La Boca where women of the street enticed the soldiers landing in the harbour to dance. Tango then spread to France and eventually came back and was widely accepted in all circles in Buenos Aires.

As beautiful and welcoming as Argentina is, it is obvious that the economy of the country is in trouble, with 140% inflation. Interest rates are at 50%. The pesos are not worth much and the American dollar is not widely used. The number of pesos we got on exchange created very large wads of cash to carry! However, it made for cheap prices for us. We left on the day of elections for the presidency so now we will watch to see how the country changes under new leadership.

Overall the tour was a wonderful opportunity to learn about Argentina, make friends and relax.

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All we ask is that you take a picture while enjoying the trails and TAG us on Facebook or Insta. This will help us promote the trail and our area. We hope you have so much fun!!



BIRTLE MINIOTA & DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



NOTICE: Due to the warm weather conditions that are effecting the ice and safety, we are closing the outdoor river skating area.

Valley Recreation District



ISABELLA NEWS - By Linda Clark

Deepest sympathy is extended to Trevor and Abby Clark, Heidi, Avery and Landon on the death of Abby's dad and their grandpa, Larry Oakden. Many of us recall shopping at Oakden's Jewellery for many years, owned and operated by Larry.

Word has been received of the death of Ken Miller who died on December 23, 2023. Ken was the eldest son of Lorne and Lorraine Miller, and raised with his siblings Wayne, Gordon and Cheryl, on the farm at the Blaris corner. Ken attended school at Isabella. Our deepest sympathy to Ken's family and to each of his siblings and their families.

Jan 2 2024

Our annual Christmas Eve service was held in our Isabella Community church under the leadership of Hazel Wall.

A music solo as well as accompaniment for the hymns was provided by Jessica Heise. Those who attended were appreciative of the Christmas décor provided by Angie Heise. It is always a good feeling to come home to our community church and to see the beautiful stained glass windows shine as Silent Night is sung by candlelight.



BIRDTAIL FITNESS CO-OP RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM LIONS

"It is with much gratitude that the Birdtail Fitness Coop recognises the Birtle Lions Club's generous donation of \$5000.00 toward new gym equipment. The gym now has two brand new treadmills, a heavy bag stand and a leg machine (yet to be assembled). Thanks to this donation, the gym is currently well equipped as we continue to upgrade and add equipment for our members fitness and well being."



Also The Birdtail Fitness Co-op would like to thank Nancy Harrar for the donation of a Heavy Bag. Pictured right.





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Work Hard, Be Kind, Show Respect
Principal - Mrs. Candace David
Secretary - Mrs. Pam Evans

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the Cash Calendar fundraiser at Birtle Elementary School was a tremendous success! With the help and support of our dedicated school community, we were able to raise over \$6300.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses and individuals who generously donated and supported this fundraiser. Your contributions played a vital role in the success of this event, and we are truly grateful for your support. We also want to acknowledge and thank all the students and families who sold and purchased tickets, as without your active participation, this accomplishment would not have been possible.

The funds raised through this fundraiser will be instrumental in enhancing various aspects of our school. A significant portion will be allocated towards the purchase and installation of the solar crosswalk which will enhance the safety of our students and the entire school community. Additionally, the funds will contribute to strengthening our music program with the purchase of a new piano.

Thank you to the following individuals, groups, and businesses for your very generous donations towards the prizes for the cash calendar raffle.

Talbot and Associates	Modern Mini and Me	Birtle Pharmacy	Fusion Credit Union
Sista Shoppe	Polished and Pampered	Sims and Company	Moulson's Welding
Julliane Bruce - Norwex	Nutrien	Birtle Twin Valley Co-op	Birtle Elementary Staff

We would also like to give special recognition to the Birtle Value Shoppe and Birtle Lions Club that donated directly towards the purchase cost of the piano and the Solar Crosswalk.

We are truly humbled by the generosity and support demonstrated by this fundraiser. Once again, thank you to everyone involved in making the Cash Calendar fundraiser and donations a remarkable achievement. Your dedication and support are deeply appreciated, and we look forward to the positive impact these funds will have on our school, students, and community.

Sincerely

Birtle Elementary School

Date:	Winner Name:	Prize:
Dec. 1	Janie Snow	\$100 Gift Cert from Talbot & Associates
Dec. 2	Patricia Chartier	\$50 Gift Cert. from Modern Mini & Me
Dec. 3	Jane Herchak	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy & Fusion Hoodie
Dec 4	Mardie Miller	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy
Dec 5	Shannon Huberdeau	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy
Dec 6	Keera Galloway	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy
Dec 7	Cheyenne Wolny	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy
Dec 8	Mardie Miller	\$100 Gift Cert. From Sista Shoppe
Dec 9	Amy Quijano	\$50 Gift Cert. from Polished & Pampered
Dec 10	Steven Bonchuk	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy & Fusion Hoodie
Dec 11	Sloan Simard	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy
Dec 12	Renee Dupont	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy
Dec 13	Gordon Houle	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy & Fusion Hoodie
Dec 14	Joanne Hickman	\$50 Cash from Sims & Co.
Dec 15	Brody Lane	\$100 Cash from Moulson's Welding
Dec 16	Kiya Berens	\$50 Nonwex Gift Cert. fr Jilliane Bruce
Dec 17	Karen Gurth	\$20 Gift Cert. from Birtle Pharmacy & Fusion Hoodie
Dec 18	Georgi Moulson	Prize Package from Nutrien
Dec 19	Val Thomson	\$50 Gift Cert. from Twin Valley Co-op
Dec 20	Daxton Shurvell	\$50 Gift Cert. from Polished & Pampered
Dec 21	Nicole Mercer	Prize Package from Nutrien
Dec 22	Dennis Bonchuk	\$100 Cash from Moulson's Welding
Dec 23	Reegan Bell	\$100 Cash from Sims & Company
Dec 24	Jean Fouillard	\$200 Cash from Fusion Credit Union
Dec 25	Sandro Markert	\$250 Cash from Birtle Elementary Staff

The Birtle Ag Society held their Sleigh Ride Derby on Saturday Dec. 16th. There were approximately 10 sleighs and 15 horse-back riders. Derby winners were 1st Rob Warkentine 2nd Tom Lane and silent riders were 1st Mike Malchuk and 2nd Nancy Birch. While Paula Graham won the 50-50. Congratulations everyone!



Prairie Mountain Health HEALTHY BABY PROGRAM

For anyone expecting a child or who have children under age 1.

- Ask questions about pregnancy
- Learn about growth and development
- Meet other parents and caregivers
- Enjoy a healthy snack
- Do activities with your baby
- Receive milk coupons (if eligible)

Birtle, MB

Birtle Health Centre Boardroom
843 Gertrude St.

New Time *1:00pm-3:00pm*

Wednesday January 24th, 2024

Wednesday February 28th, 2024

Wednesday March 27th, 2024

One virtual session for all communities within Prairie Mountain Health will be offered on the 4th Monday of each month. To register for this virtual session or for more information about any upcoming sessions, please contact your Healthy Baby Facilitator.

stourond@pmh-mb.ca | 204-748-2321 ext. 294

Miniota Moms & Tots Group

We invite you to come out and enjoy this program at no cost.
(Newborn to age 6)

We understand the need to have quality time with your younger kids that allows you to take a break from your regular routine. This group was organized with the idea of incorporating a safe atmosphere for the kids to play in and build on their social and play skills while having fun with other children. Plus, you as a mom deserve some interactive socialization that helps to keep you uplifted in a positive way.

Coffee and snacks provided as well as art supplies.

Each Wed from 9:30am to 11am in the Community Hall.

Sponsored by: Valley Recreation, Birtle Lions Club, Twin Valley Co-op.

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STILL A FEW LEFT FOR GREAT KEEPSAKES!

These beautiful magnets from various locations throughout Prairie View Municipality are for sale through the Birtle Miniota CDC. \$2 each or \$3 if you would like us to mail them out to you. Available at RM Offices or give us a call 204-842-3602.



PIVOTAL EVENTS

Birtle's Significant Historical Themes and Events

Looking for a special Gift for the history lover in your family?

Pivotal Events, Birtle's Significant Historical Themes and Events, researched and written by Nathan Hasselstrom, is available for purchase at the Birtle Pharmacy or Prairie View RM office for a cost of \$45. You won't find a more comprehensive document describing the significant events that shaped Birtle over the past 135 years. A fascinating look into Birtle's past!

All proceeds go to the Birdtail Country Museum.



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